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DUE TO COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT

Landfill cells maxed out 'in a little over 5 years'

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Department heads answer questions on infrastructure demands during a Senate hearing yesterday. From left, Department of Public Works Secretary James Ada, Division of Coastal Resources Management director Fran Castro, Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality Administrator Frank Rabauliman, and Environmental Quality director Ray Masga (Partly hidden).

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If construction paces as planned, environmental and public works officials expressed fears yesterday that the CNMI would not be able to handle the amount of solid waste generated by existing and new developers that, by their count, would max out several Saipan landfill cells in a little over five years and bring the hotel room count well-over 8,000 rooms.

"If I were to pinpoint one infrastructure that we, in my personal opinion, may not be able to address—that's solid waste," said Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality Administrator Frank Rabauliman during a nearly three-hour hearing with the Senate Committee on Resources, Economic Developments, and

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DPH to educate public on inclusion of e-cigarette in Smoke-Free Air Act

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The Division of Public Health of the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. supports and will be educating the public on the inclusion of e-cigarettes in the Smoke-Free Air Act of the Commonwealth.

Through Public Law 19-32, it is now illegal in the CNMI to use e-cigarettes in places where smoking is prohibited by the Smoke-Free Air Act.

"Increasing access to smoke-free air has been a priority for the Division of Public Health Services and including e-cigarettes in the law will further promote our mission to achieve optimal health and well-being for the people of the CNMI," Public Health Services director Margarita Torres Aldan said.

The Smoke-Free Air Act of 2008 or Public Law 16-46, which now includes e-cigarettes, prohibits smoking in government buildings and vehicles, public places, places of employment, and school and college campuses.

Smoking is also prohibited in outdoor areas that are within 25 feet of an enclosed smoke-free area.

"This law protects non-smokers who might be in an enclosed area from involuntary exposure to toxins. The NCDB looks forward to including e-cigarettes in our community education effort on the Smoke-Free Air Act,"

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SEDC wants 'white paper' on CNMI economic needs

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The Strategic Economic Development Council met Tuesday and discussed coming up with a "white paper" on the current state of issues on contract worker labor shortages amid the economic boom.

Aldan-Pierce

"Once we get all that, or before we get to that point we have to go out and tell the community what we are faced with. We are once again in a dire situation," said council vice chair Marian Aldan-Pierce. "The private sector and public sector really need to work together and partner."

"Everything—workers, infrastructure," Pierce said when asked what data they needed. "The council wants to look at everything."

"We need to present it to the governor and our delegate in Washington and go to the U.S. Congress because there are something things that we need that is going to take a Congressional act to change," Aldan-Pierce said, acknowledging that this white paper would "inform" lobbying efforts in the Capitol.

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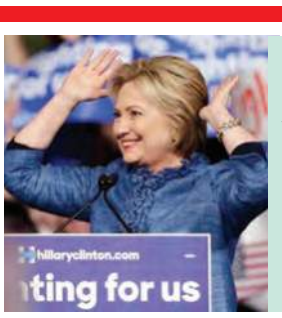

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Local

DPS: Death of worker who fell from elevator shaft accidental

» 'Victim was possibly pinned in, stuck in shaft while conducting maintenance work'

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The maintenance staff of Laolao Bay Golf and Resort in Kagman 3, who died after reportedly falling from the resort's elevator shaft on Sunday night, was possibly pinned in and stuck in the shaft, police said yesterday.

Department of Public Safety acting spokesman Jason Tarkong said the cause of the victim's death has been ruled accidental and remains under investigation.

"There is evidence to show that the victim fell from a higher elevation to the ground floor deck," Tarkong said.

Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services

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Man allegedly throws bicycle helmet at neighbor

Police arrested on Tuesday night in Garapan a 46-year-old man who allegedly threw a bicycle helmet at a woman and threatened to kill her with a pair of scissors and a wooden hammer's handle during their argument in Garapan.

Police Detective Peter A. Aldan said the incident happened last March 8, but the suspect, Romeo B. Oliveros, fled the scene on his bicycle upon learning that the woman, who is his neighbor, called the police.

At a hearing yesterday, Superior Court Associate Judge David A. Wiseman allowed Oliveros to post $500 cash bail and set the preliminary hearing for March 23 at 9am.

Assistant attorney general Barbara Cepeda, counsel for the government, requested the court to keep the $5,250 cash bail that the court had earlier imposed, saying the defendant poses danger to the community.

Assistant public defender Michael Sato was appointed as counsel for Oliveros.

Aldan said investigation showed that on March 8 at 11am, a landlord asked Oliveros to remove his old and falling apart table from the front of the barracks-type house.

When the landlord left, Oliveros stepped outside his room and told the neighbor that she was the only one complaining about his table.

During their argument, Oliveros allegedly threw his bicycle helmet at the woman, hitting her on the right ankle.

Oliveros punched the victim, but she managed to avoid being hit and pushed him away.

Oliveros allegedly picked up a pair of scissors and a wooden handle of a hammer. He pointed the scissors at the victim's neck less than a foot away and shouted that he's going to kill her.

The victim ran into her room and called the police. The defendant then left the area aboard his bicycle.

Police served the arrest warrant on Oliveros on Tuesday night. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

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ON FINDING HE BREACHED CONTRACT OVER DENTAL WORK

Former judge argues appeal before CNMI Supreme Court

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Former Superior Court Associate Judge Juan T. Lizama appeared yesterday before the CNMI Supreme Court to argue his appeal on Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho's decision finding him to have breached a contract by failing to pay for dental work he ordered performed on his brother in 2012.

Attorney Michael A. White, counsel for Dr. Alan Stuart Markoff who owns Toothworks, argued the dentist's opposition to Lizama's appeal.

After listening to the counsels' arguments, CNMI Supreme Court Associate Justice John A. Manglona and Justices Pro Tem Robert J. Torres Jr. and Michael J. Bordallo placed the matter under advisement.

Lizama presented three issues on appeal: whether Camacho erred by finding an enforceable contract; whether the failure to join an alleged necessary and indispensable party to the suit deprived the trial court of jurisdiction; and whether the statute of frauds is applicable when an individual contracts with another for services that benefit a third party.

Markoff sued Lizama for allegedly failing to pay for his brother's dental services. The dentist claimed that Lisama owes him and the clinic $5,381. He alleged that the former judge refused to make payments beyond a single $1,000 payment.

In his May 28, 2015 decision after a bench trial, Camacho found Lizama liable to pay Markoff $5,381 on the principal plus $1,123.82 in pre-judgment interest or for a total award of $6,504.82.

Camacho ruled that there was a valid contract between the parties regarding dental work on Lizama's brother, Antonio.

Camacho said Lizama failed to make the required payments for Antonio's dental work.

Camacho said Lizama promised to pay for Antonio's dental care, that the dental work was performed, and that Lizama failed to make full payments, thus breaching the agreement that he made with Markoff.

Lizama

Camacho found that Lizama's testimony lacks credibility, especially because of Lizama's "circular and evasive answers to questions" while on the witness stand.

Lizama appealed, asking the CNMI Supreme Court to reverse Camacho's ruling.

At yesterday's hearing on the appeal, Lizama, who is representing himself, said this case is about "he said" (Markoff) and "he said" (Lizama).

Lizama argued that his alleged promise to pay for his brother's dental services is unenforceable because it is based on an agreement that lacks consideration for Markoff.

Lizama said the trial court's finding that he made a promise to pay for all of his brother's dental services is clearly erroneous.

Lizama said it's a culture thing in the CNMI, in which a family is helping a family member.

Manglona pointed out that the trial court finds Lizama's testimony not credible.

Torres said it's not the high court's job to weigh the evidence.

Lizama said there's conflicting evidence in this case.

Bordallo noted that the "he said" and "he said" is not for the high court.

Lizama said there is no memorandum or written agreement on what dental services to perform.

Manglona then asked why Lizama paid $1,000 if there's no agreement.

Lizama stated among other things, that he got tired of calls from the clinic about billings so he decided to make courtesy.

"I should not be penalized for helping my brother. I should be commended for paying," Lizama said, adding that there is a public policy involved here.

In his pleadings, Lizama said as to the issue of enforceability of contract for lack of consideration, the case involves a mixture of question of law and facts.

Lizama said the issue of whether Camacho erred in his finding of facts that there was a promise by him that was bargained for is reviewable under the clearly erroneous standard.

Lizama said Camacho's finding that he made a promise to pay for all of his brother's dental services is clearly erroneous.

He said the trial had no jurisdiction over this case because Markoff failed to join Antonio, a necessary and indispensable party.

White said it is clear that Lizama made a promise to pay for his brother's prospective dental care, and that this

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1-stop center for Commerce applications to be launched

The Department of Commerce will be launching a one-stop center for their application processes next month.

According to Commerce Secretary Mark Rabauliman, the automated one-stop center is currently in the testing phase.

"We're streamlining our different divisions into one format so that way everybody at our one-stop center will be ready to input those data. It not only streamlines it, it enables us to query data whenever we need to be able to see them," Rabauliman said.

Through this, the department will be able to track where an application is at and if there is a problem.

They can also keep track of application in the event that it stays too long in a certain area and that upper management will be notified instead of waiting for customers to ask about applications.

According to the department, they receive an average of 50 to 60 applications daily but this number drastically increases during renewal periods, for example, January to March for the Registrar division and June to September for the Alcoholic Beverage and Tobacco Control division.

With this move, Rabauliman said they will also be able to identify and eliminate backlogs.

"That enables the management team of Commerce to identify where we can continue making improvements," Rabauliman said.

"With that one-stop automation that we're pitching to launch, it really truly captures the numbers and really streamlines it so that way the management team will identify where the bottlenecks are so we can make management decisions to improve upon it," he added.

The one-stop center once launched will be available first for the department but they are also looking into incorporating it to the website and eventually branch out to other government agencies.

"The goal is for everything to get online," Rabauliman said. ***(Frauleine Villanueva-Dizon)***

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Gideons continues ministry in CNMI

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The Gideons International, a non-denominational Christian group, continued with the ministry it became known for by again placing Bibles in hotel rooms. Century Hotel's 33 rooms in Garapan was the latest establishment where they carried out the ministry that they have been doing for more than 100 years.

Greg B. Williams, Gideons' regional field officer for the Pacific, helped supervise the donation of pocket-sized Bibles yesterday at Century Hotel. Gideons Saipan camp president Lewie Adams accompanied him.

"Our purpose is to win the world through God's word and to let the people know of the teachings of Jesus Christ. Our Bibles are distributed in over 200 countries and last year we gave out over 85 million copies to reach the two billion mark," said Williams.

"There are seven billion people in the world and we handed out two billion, we have a lot more work to do."

The Gideons Bibles are printed in over 100 languages including in English. "And with the diverse population here on Saipan, we also print Bibles in Korean and Japanese translations. Hopefully at some point we'll be able to have Bibles in Mandarin especially with the increasing number of Chinese tourists here," Williams added.

Their presence can also be found in the Oceania sub region of Micronesia bringing their ministry in the Federated States of Micronesia, Guam, Kiribati, the Marshall Islands, Nauru, and Palau aside from the CNMI.

The Gideons established its ministry in the CNMI in 1989 where they had already gave out 17,930 copies of the Sacred Scriptures. They had already placed 790 Bibles at the Hyatt Regency Saipan, the Kanoa Resort, and Saipan World Resort.

"After Century [Hotel], we will also place the Bibles at Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan and Pacific Islands Club Saipan. We're also planning to either put or replenish Bibles in small hotels since most of them are either already gone or damaged," said Adams.

"I've been to many countries, to different islands, and to a lot of hotels. We always make sure that hotels have a copy of the Bible is at the hotel or remains in good condition. If not then we replenish it," added Williams.

Williams said that he usually comes to the CNMI twice a year where he helps in training the staff, hold prayer meetings, and share testimonies aside from helping out with the Bible distribution.

The Gideons—which also work closely with other Christian churches—also donate free Bibles in schools, colleges, universities, hospitals, and medical and dental clinics, and pass it out to the military, police force, and firefighters, and to prisoners.

JON PEREZ

The Gideons International Pacific Rim regional field officer Greg B. Williams, right, and Saipan Camp president Lewie Adams take a break after donating Bibles yesterday at Century Hotel in Garapan.

ERRATUM

In the article "SHRM wants voice to be heard on workforce issues" published last Monday, March 14, 2016, it erroneously identified the Society for Human Resource Management-NMI Chapter's current president as Pina Deleon Guerrero. The current president and the interviewee for the said article is Josephine DLG Mesta. Our apologies for the error.

LANDFILL

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Programs yesterday morning.

Led by Sen. Arnold Palacios (R-Saipan), the senators wanted to know how major development would impact solid waste capacity, among others, and how the government could plan for this.

Best Sunshine International, Ltd.'s Grand Marianas Casino resort and Honest Profit's Saipan Resort Hotel on Saipan, among several others in the CNMI, lead a pack of developers with approved major siting permits who construction plans add another 4,400 hotels, and their resulting human traffic and solid waste demands.

According to developer chart from BECQ this month, developers eye completion dates as early as this year and 2019 and will bring the hotel room count to 8,271 room and require 10,628 employees. The existing hotel room count stands at 3,547.

Responding to a series of questions from Sen. Justo Quitugua (Ind-Saipan), Enrigue Dela Cruz, solid waste director of the Department of Public Works, disclosed that filling of "cell 1 and 2" at the Marpi landfill would "take us about to a little over five years."

"If we are going to fill up" the cells in five years, Quitugua responded, "that's short, that's tomorrow."

Last November, BECQ reported that that enormous amount of trash and debris collected in the aftermath of last year's Typhoon Soudelor had "significantly shorted" the lifespan of the landfill's cell number 1.

Yesterday, Rabauliman also pointed to discussions with the U.S. military to ship its solid waste from planned live-fire training facilities from Tinian to Saipan. He emphasized a "need to line cell 3, because our cell 1 is about to expire."

"In order to use cell 2… we'd hope we'd be able to line cell 3," he said.

Cell 1 has a 13-year life, Rabauliman added, and the landfill's other six cells are "relatively smaller than cell 1.

"Their lifespan will be obviously shorter," he said.

Rabualiman acknowledged that the Marpi landfill "would be very congested in years to come. "…Given all the developments, given all the discussions with the military, the developments that you see on this chart do not include all the developments that are in the discussion phase."

"And I assure you there are two huge ones we are in discussions with," Rabauliman said, referring to plans he has heard of "an 8,000-unit dormitory."

"The point being, there is going to be a lot of people here," Rabauliman said, "and they will be generating a lot of solid waste.

"Unless we prepare to come up with a long term plan on what we are going to do to address solid waste. I fear that is one of those areas we are not going to be able to address."

Palacios, who has complained that major siting permits have been "too general," reiterated a call for local agencies to demand better information from developers before major siting permits are approved.

"I am kind of dismayed and a bit surprised that the matrix that has been provided to me" contains data, like solid waste for example, that is "not-specified" or "none stated."

He strongly recommended that agencies require the environmental consultants of these permit applications to "specify this so that our agencies can quantify and plan for future impacts."

"We cannot just let these permit applications slide," Palacios said.

Best Sunshine, for example, needs 500 employees and there is going to be a lot of solid waste generation and traffic into that facility "that needs to be quantified," he said.

And the former Hotel Nikko Saipan, the soon-to-be Kensington Hotel Saipan, will bear down some 300-some room and needs 291 employees.

"That's 500 people at that facility on any given day," Palacios said.

"[Enrique] Dela Cruz stated that Marpi landfill Cell #1 has to be closed. We are looking at a very substantial increase in solid waste generation by some of this development on top of what our existing demand is."

Palacios called for that "we quantify" these details so that "so even this body will be aware that there are resources needed for expansion, for example, of solid waste, wastewater, traffic, roadways."

FORMER

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promise was enforceable.

White said the statute of frauds is inapplicable to the facts of this case.

White said in any event, Lizama waived both the failure to join and the statute of frauds defenses because he failed to raise either in his answer to the complaint of in any other manner before the Superior Court.

The Supreme Court, he said, cannot consider this issue when raised for the first time on appeal.

White said Camacho's judgment should be affirmed.

White said Camacho found that there was a promise to pay.

White said he submits that there's more than ample evidence to support the trial court's findings.

DPH

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DPH-Non-Communicable Disease Bureau administrator Becky Robles said.

To further fulfill their goal of increasing access to smoke-free environments for 75 percent of the CNMI adult population by next year, the University of Hawaii, in partnership with the NCD Bureau, hired part-time local project assistant, Jessica Lorfing.

"Drastically improving compliance with PL 16-46 and PL 19-32 is crucial to reaching our goal. We have developed an educational toolkit for the community that includes information on e-cigarettes," Lorfing said.

"Adding e-cigarettes to our educational toolkit strengthens our efforts to ensure smoke-free air at places protected by the law. This year, we are specifically focusing on helping bars, poker rooms, and hotel establishments become compliant," she added.

SEDC

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According to the discussion agenda Tuesday, the council discussed a resolution to the contract worker issue and how to "validate CW numbers," and how and when to hire a Washington, D.C. consultant with private and sector funds.

The council also discussed a "development cap."

Council members acknowledged that this discussion would have to tie into government obligations and responsibilities like the over $100 million in land compensation and settlement claims, the $700 million in retiree settlement agreement, and the local utility's court stipulated orders, in order to "responsibly" inform a "cap" on controlled developed, *Saipan Tribune* learned.

The cap could cover hotel room's investors coming into the CNMI, and a cap on the use of public land, among others, *Saipan Tribune* learned.

Talks for a need of 15,000 to 35,000 workers in the CNMI reportedly have been broached to meet growing development demands.

The CNMI faces the expiration of its local contract worker program in 2019. These workers provide much of the labor force for the local economy and would need Congressional action to extend or replace with a new visa class catered to the CNMI's needs.

POLICE

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spokesman Derek Gersonde earlier identified the victim as 58-year-old Jose Mertola, a Filipino.

Gersonde said Mertola suffered multiple lacerations to the head, right arm, left ribs, and right inner thigh, and had an open fracture wound to the left leg.

Mertola was transported to the Commonwealth Health Center emergency room, where Dr. Florence Schenker pronounced him dead at 9:06pm.

Tarkong said police officers responded to Laolao Bay Golf and Resort on Sunday at 7:04pm after receiving a report that an employee was involved in an accident at the hotel's elevator shaft.

Tarkong said the victim was found with serious injuries on the ground floor of the elevator shaft.

Tarkong said there were obvious signs that the victim was already dead and that first responders were unable to conduct resuscitation.

Preliminary investigation revealed that the victim was conducting elevator maintenance along with another staff on the service elevator located on the first floor of the resort.

The victim was working on repairs and maintenance, while the other staff walked up to the floors above to conduct assessment.

The other staff indicated that the elevator began to go up and stopped on the seventh floor.

The staff heard a sound from inside the elevator shaft that appeared like an object falling and hitting the ground.

The staff called the victim, but the latter never responded.

The staff ran to the seventh floor, where the elevator was located and turned it off. He then called for assistance.

‘Leader’ of group that smuggled ‘ice’ worth $850K pleads guilty

Xi Huang, the alleged leader of a group behind the shipment of 4.9 lbs of methamphetamine or “ice” worth $850,000, has entered a guilty plea in federal court.

At a hearing on Tuesday afternoon, Huang pleaded guilty to an indictment charging him with one count of conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute methamphetamine.

U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona accepted Huang’s guilty plea and set the sentencing for July 8, 2016 at 9am.

Manglona vacated the jury trial of the defendant set for April 26, 2016.

After the hearing, Huang was remanded into the custody of the U.S. Marshal.

According to the minutes of the hearing, attorney Robert T. Torres, counsel for Huang, informed the court that the U.S. government would be withdrawing the plea agreement that the defendant had signed.

Torres said the defendant, however, was willing to proceed with an open plea and would be entering a guilty plea.

Assistant U.S. attorney Garth Backe stated that the sentence recommended in the proposed plea agreement was in exchange for certain things.

Backe said Huang was not willing to uphold one of the conditions, which was as an agreement that the other co-defendant was a co-conspirator.

Backe said the court should find that Huang is not entitled to a reduction in prison sentence, reject the plea deal, and then proceed with the change of plea hearing.

The defense did not object.

Manglona then advised Huang that she rejected the plea agreement. The judge informed him of the consequences and legal possibilities of a finding of guilt for the offense.

According to the indictment, Huang and co-defendants Shicheng Cai and Zhaopeng Chen, all Chinese nationals, conspired between Nov. 30 and Dec. 4, 2015, to possess with intent to distribute methamphetamine.

A routine Customs inspection at the Port of Saipan of a 40-foot container from Guangzhou, China, resulted in the discovery of the 4.9 lbs of “ice” hidden in three plastic bags in one of the nine 5-gallon paint containers last Dec. 2.

Joint federal and local enforcers investigated the shipment, resulting in the defendants’ arrest. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

Climate change in US coastal states focus of conference

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Climate change and its effect to coastal states in the U.S. have been in the forefront of a conference in Louisiana, New Orleans last March.

Department of Lands and Natural Resources Secretary Richard Seman, who attended the conference along with other heads of fisheries departments, said they focused on the issues on climate change affecting areas near bodies of water.

This includes the species living in each areas of jurisdiction.

“Good thing about it is there are issues that are being raised by various states like there is a need to amend the endangered species act because certain species will be eventually part of the list but these are areas where it’s difficult to recover,” Seman said.

The primary law governing marine fisheries management in U.S. federal waters was also discussed.

“Another issue is about changing the Magnusons-Stevens Act on how we manage fisheries, taking into account the different hardship and not just your typical overfishing kind of thing,” Seman said.

He added that they also talked about adaptation.

Seman, who also visited Iloilo, Philippines for the Southeast Asia Fishery Development Center last year, said that the center’s move toward adaptation is the best he has seen so far.

“The general principle of cataloging major species, cataloging meaning their ideal salinity, ideal PH, temperature, their mating timing, their germination, all that,” Seman said, “Because when the time comes and this is now being affected, you won’t try to figure out anymore.”

“All you do is culture it in their ideal setting,” he added.

Seman said another good thing about the center is that they have developed the technique already and they are now looking at how to apply these techniques in a practical way, even in one’s own backyard.

Last December, Seman said he plans to start culturing rabbitfish in the CNMI in coordination with the Northern Marianas College-Cooperative Research, Extension and Education Service through the technique they learned at SEAFDEC.

Seman said they hope to have funding from the Interior Department for the said project as rabbitfish are also affected by climate change.

BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUT

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Happy birthday Priscilla M. Iakopo. May your day be filled with lots of love and blessing! Greetings from your family!

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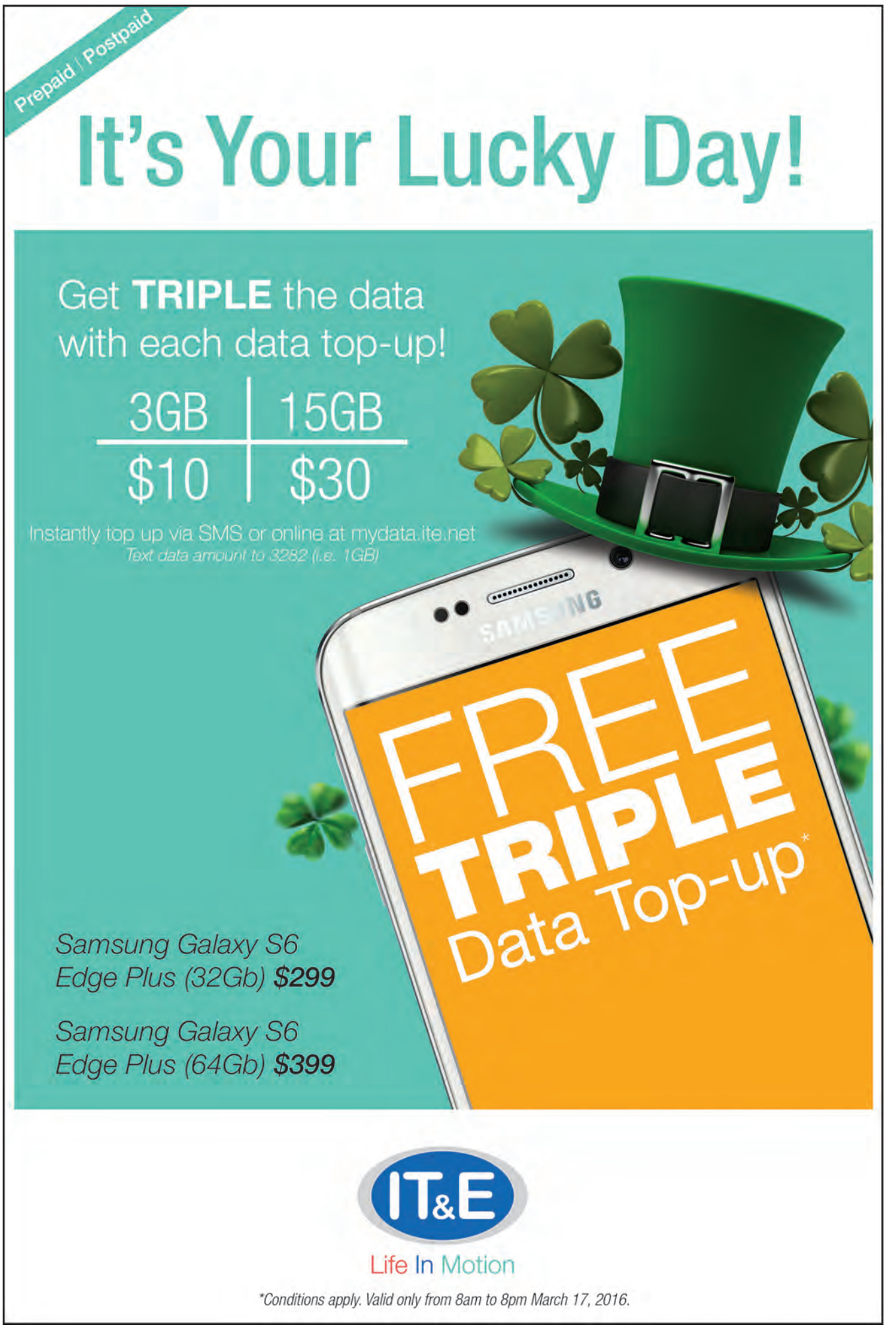
Interested persons may contact Christy Kintol at 234-6245 ext. 310 for more information or to inspect properties, appraisals and or photos.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PH voters can get election ballots through mail

Registered overseas Filipino voters on Saipan can have their ballots sent through mail for the 2016 Philippine National Elections.

According to a notice sent out by the Philippine Consulate General in Agana, Guam, the Philippines' Commission on Elections announced the adoption of Automated Election System (AES) Modified Postal Voting System for purposes of casting overseas absentee votes.

In an interview, consul Gary Auxilian said this does not yet mean that a field voting will not happen in Saipan.

He said that they are still waiting for further instructions from Comelec, which could be announced at their election training in Osaka, Japan next week.

Registered overseas voters of PCG-Guam who desire to receive their ballots through mail are requested to submit their requests to the Special Ballot Reception and Custody Group on or before April 22.

According to PCG-Guam, all requests to mail the ballots filed after the said date shall no longer be entertained.

The period for overseas voting is from April 9 to May 9 at 7pm Philippine time.

Requests can be done by sending an email to oav.pcgagana@gmail.com with the subject: Request to mail ballot of <NAME>.

Another method is to send postal mail to the Special Ballot Reception and Custody Group (SBRCG), Philippine Consulate General P.O. Box 9880, Tamuning 96931 Guam or call (671) 646 4620 or 4630 and ask to speak with an SBRCG member.

PCG-Guam reminded Filipinos to check their names in the Certified List of Overseas Voters (CLOV) for GUAM, which can be found in the COMELEC website: http://www.comelec.gov.ph.

If their names are included in the list, they must accomplish the Letter Of Instruction Form, which can be obtained at the Philippine Consulate or downloaded at the Consulate's Facebook page.

The LOI must be submitted in person to any member of the post's Special Ballot Reception And Custody Group (SBRCG) or through email oav.pcgagana@gmail.com on or before 22 April 2016.

If the voter opts for postal voting, they should wait for their ballots to be mailed to their identified mailing address as indicated in their LOI.

They can send back their duly accomplished ballot in person or through mail to the Philippine Consulate with address Suite 601-602, ITC Building, 590 Marine Corps Drive, P.O. Box 9880, Tamuning 96931 Guam, on or before May 9, 9pm (Guam time).

Ballots received by the Consulate after 9pm of the said date will no longer be counted.

"Registered voters are advised to mail back their ballot to the Consulate as soon as they receive it, taking into consideration the period that postal mail reaches Guam," PCG-Guam said. ***(Frauleine Villanueva-Dizon)***

Online reporting of Smoke-Free Air Act violations created

A website and hotline where concerned citizens can report suspected violations of the Smoke-Free Air Act of 2008 was launched by the Division of Public Health.

DPH and its Non-Communicable Disease Bureau recognized the importance of the cooperation of the public in enforcing the law.

"Empowering residents to assert their right to smoke-free air is an important element of a successful smoke-free enforcement strategy. This resource encourages the community to take action when there is a suspected violation," DPH director Margarita Aldan said.

"Now the public can partner with DPH to ensure our community can enjoy smoke-free air where protected under the law," NCDB administrator Becky Robles said.

Through the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp.'s website, www.chcc.gov.mp, concerned citizens who would like to report a suspected violation can do so by clicking on the banner with the smoke-free symbol entitled "Clean Air Violations."

Complainants will be redirected to a form, which is automatically sent to health official to notify them of suspected violations upon completion.

A violation may also be reported via telephone through (670) 323-QUIT (7848) or call the main CHCC phone line at (670) 234-8950 and ask to be connected to the NCDB during office hours, Monday through Friday, from 7:30am to 4:30pm.

DPH said that after a complaint is received, enforcement officers working in coordination with their division will follow up on all potential violations within 72 hours.

The Smoke-Free Air Act of 2008 prohibits smoking in government buildings and vehicles, public places, places of employment, and school and college campuses.

Businesses where smoking is prohibited under the law must post "No Smoking" signs at every entrance, remove all ashtrays, notify and inform all existing and potential employees that smoking on the premises is prohibited, and refuse service to a person who does not refrain from smoking.

Businesses and individuals found to be in violation can be fined under the law. A business in violation can receive a fine up to $500, and if the establishment is not in compliance by its fourth violation, the business license may be revoked.

An individual, on the other hand, may be fined up to $200. Each day not in compliance is considered an individual violation.

For more information regarding the Smoke-Free Air Act of 2008, visit www.reachcnmi.wix.com/reach or email the REACH Local Project Assistant, Jessica Lorfing, at jlorfing@hawaii.edu. ***(Frauleine Villanueva-Dizon)***

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to the Open Government Act (1 CMC §9901 et seq), the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation ("CUC") Board of Directors hereby informs the general public that the Board will hold its regular meeting on Monday, March 21, 2016, at 10:00 a.m. The meeting will be held at the CUC Conference Room, Room 17, 3rd Floor, Joeten DanDan Building, Saipan to consider the following agenda. Public attendance is welcome.

AGENDA*

I. Preliminary Matters
- A. Call to Order
- B. Roll Call
- C. Adoption of Agenda
- D. Adoption of Minutes
  1. February 17-18, 2016 Regular Board Meeting
  2. February 27, 2016 Special Board Meeting
- E. Correspondence

II. Public Comments**

III. Management Reports
- A. Executive Director
  1. Update on SO1 and SO2 Projects
  2. Update on EPA Grant Projects
- B. Chief Financial Officer
  1. Status of Audit for FY 2015
- C. Legal Counsel

IV. Executive Session***
1. Consultation with Legal Counsel on Personnel and Operations Matters

V. Board Reports/Miscellaneous Administrative Matters/New Business
1. Personnel Committee
2. Operations Committee

VI. Adjournment

* *Pursuant to 1 CMC § 9912, the Agenda may be modified during the meeting.*
** *Public comments are limited to 30 minutes and each remark is limited to three minutes. Everyone is welcome to submit written comments.*
*** *Pursuant to 1 CMC § 9912, the Board of Directors may vote to meet in executive session at any time*

NOTICE OF ZONING BOARD MEETING

The regular meeting of the Zoning Board will be held
on Thursday, March 31, 2016
at 5:00 PM, Zoning Board Conference Room
2nd floor, Joeten Dandan Commercial Bldg.
(Tel: 234-9661 • Fax: 234-9666 • e-mail: www.zoning.gov.mp)

A. Preliminary Matters
1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Adoption of Agenda
4. Adoption of 2/25/16 meeting minutes
5. Public Comments

B. Public Hearings. None

C. Communications

D. Old Business
1. Pending Legislative Action on Nuisance Abatement and Blighted Properties Maintenance Act of 2013
2. Status of Regulation for All Terrain Vehicles/ Utility Task Vehicles

E. New Business
1. Zoning Board membership vacancies
2. Administrator's presentation of the 2015 Annual Report
3. Office Operations Reports (Permit processing, Enforcement Actions)
4. Proposed relocation of the Zoning Office

F. Executive (Closed) Session

G. Miscellaneous: Other Matters, Announcements, Next Meeting, Adjourn.

For questions or access to materials to be considered at the Board meeting, or if you require assistance, please contact the Zoning Administrator, Therese T. Ogumoro, at 234-9661. This notice is provided pursuant to Public Law 6-32, as amended (2 CMC 7201, et seq. & 10 CMC 3511, et seq.).

/s/ Diego C. Blanco, Zoning Board Chairman

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Notice and Invitation to Bid

The Department of Public Lands has identified approximately 3,000 cubic yards (more or less) of quarried aggregate located at the former RMIC quarry site in Marpi. DPL will dispose of this material on or about **March 30, 2016** to the highest bidder who is ready, willing and able to immediately remove the material from the quarry site upon notice to proceed. All material must be removed before **April 6, 2016.** In accordance with the Department's regulations, we will entertain bids starting at the minimum royalty amount of $3.00 per cubic yard. Interested parties should submit sealed bids for the entire quantity of quarried materials on or before **March 28, 2016** to the attention of Marianne C. Teregeyo, Secretary at DPL's offices in Dan Dan, Saipan.

/s/ Marianne C. Teregeyo
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Broadcast giant CCTV on Saipan upon BSI's invitation

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China Central Television film crew and Best Sunshine International, Ltd. staff pose with Gov. Ralph DLG Torres after CCTV conducted an exclusive interview as part of the Saipan documentary feature by China's broadcast giant.

Beijing-based China Central Television or CCTV, the state-owned broadcast giant, has sent a film crew for a documentary on Saipan upon the invitation of Best Sunshine International, Ltd.

"China Central Television is one of the important (communication) platforms (in the world) and is the No. 1 largest national broadcasting network in China," said CCTV producer Chen Ming. "When you watch CCTV, you will be able to know China better."

The invitation of BSI is on the heels of this year's largest travel partnership between the U.S. and China.

Ming and the CCTV film crew will focus on Saipan as a travel destination, capturing the beauty of the principal economic and travel hub of the Northern Marianas. With the broadcast of the Saipan documentary, Ming hopes, it will encourage more tourists to visit Saipan and the rest of the islands.

"This year is the China-U.S. travel year and the media wants to focus on the travel industry. Best Sunshine's invitation to Saipan really fits into the topic, which is why we wanted to come to Saipan to document and film the island," explains Ming,

He added, "One of our purpose is to promote Saipan and show its beauty. Another is also to see Best Sunshine's strategy and the impact of the investment abroad. We want to see the interest between Best Sunshine and the local community."

The CCTV documentary of Saipan will be featured in one of the TV programs Ming produces called "Waving the Dreams" and is scheduled to air one month following its filming on Saipan. CCTV provides national broadcasting and provincial, municipal, and county TV stations broadcasting at the local level.

It has a network of 45 channels broadcasting different programs and is accessible to more than one billion viewers.

It also serves as a multimedia outlet that handles various TV programs, movies, newspapers, and online/Internet.

The CCTV team arrived this week for a four-day film documentary that includes visits and filming of multiple tourist and popular sites and activities. Among those would include participating in the Let's Go Tours Saipan off-road adventure, capturing Saipan lagoon's undersea beauty through the Saipan submarine, visiting the famed Managaha Island, and attending the BSI Corporate Social Responsibility's The Village Pride Project event.

Feature interviews are also slated with key government and business leaders particularly with Gov. Ralph DLG Torres, Imperial Pacific-Best Sunshine International majority shareholder Margaret Cui Lijie, BSI chief executive officer Mark Brown, and BSI chief services officer Tao Xing.

"Saipan is spectacular. Best Sunshine is really taking the social responsibility (seriously) here in Saipan and I can tell that BSI together with the local community are getting along with each other," added Ming. "We are really hoping to promote Saipan by attracting more Chinese tourists to come visit the island. We also want the public to be more familiar with Best Sunshine International here on Saipan."

Ming added, "Thank you Best Sunshine for the invite and opportunity to be here. We are excited to get to know the culture and the beauty of the island on a much deeper level." ***(PR)***

Maturana Sisters ask for Rotary's help

By JON PEREZ
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REPORTER

The Maturana House of Prayer hosts a lot of events and programs not only for Catholics but also for other Christian groups in the community. The facility, which also doubles as the retirement home for members of the Mercedarian Missionaries of Bérriz, was among the establishments that suffered heavy damage after Typhoon Soudelor last year.

That's why House of Prayer director Sisters Maris Stella Ifenuk, MMB, and Martha Ramarui, MMB, asked the Rotary Club of Saipan to help them in rebuilding some of the facilities when the super typhoon hit Saipan in August last year.

"The Maturana House of Prayer is also open to other Christian denominations which want to use it for prayer, meetings, and other workshops. Our main ministry is holding youth programs, retreat, and workshops," Ramarui said in Tuesday's Rotary meeting held at Hyatt Regency Saipan's Giovanni's restaurant.

"I, Sr. Stella, and some of the younger nuns were busy cleaning up the debris after the storm. And Sr. Stella was the one who is in charge of fundraising activities," said Ramarui, who added that the Youth Center and storage room were some of damaged facilities.

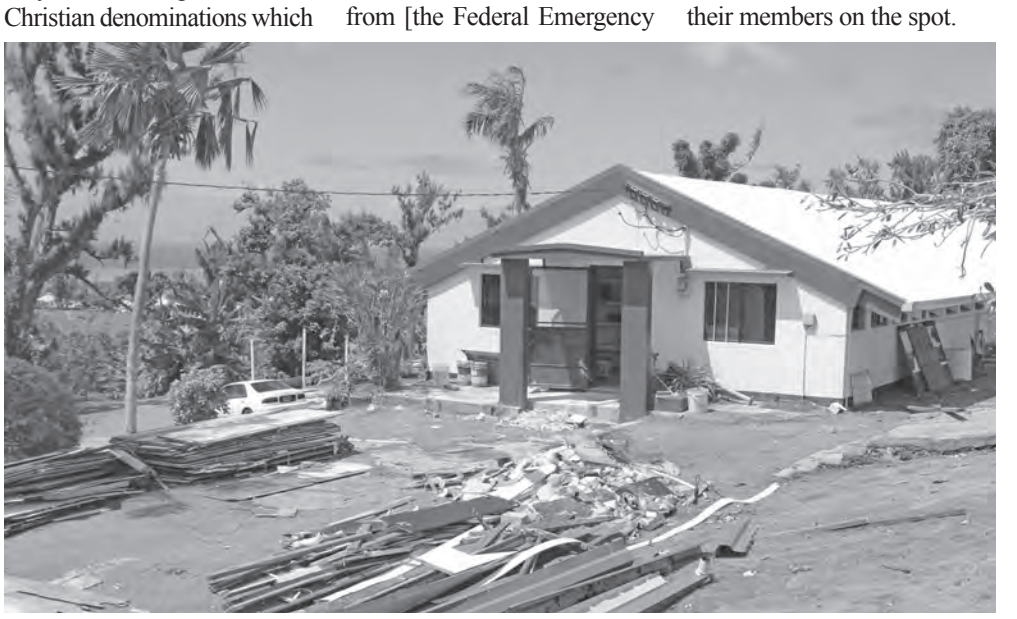
The MMB sisters are also baking bread and donuts and make coconut oil and ice cups just to help raise funds for materials and repair of facilities.

"That's why we are asking for Rotary's help since we're not eligible to receive funding from [the Federal Emergency Management Agency] We will gladly accept any amount or in kind donation," said Ifenuk.

"Repairs, salaries of the workers, and equipment like chairs and tables are some of our immediate needs. We provide activities, not only for the youth, but also for couples preparing for marriage and spiritual ministry for the Alcoholics Anonymous on Saipan," Ifenuk added.

Rotary members where quick to answer, with Rotarian Mario Valentino asking the sisters to provide a list of what they need. Rotarian Agnes McPhetres also suggested that hotels like the Hyatt can give them beds, beddings, and other furniture when they change their the said things.

The Rotary also donated money they collected from their members on the spot.



JON PEREZ
Debris from the damaged Youth Center inside the Maturana House of Prayer compound litter the ground.

March is kidney nutrition awareness month

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REPORTER

The Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. is inviting everyone to join them in Saturday's Kidney 5K Walk and Fun Run, in celebration of the 2016 World Kidney Day. The event, which will be held for the first time, is part of the National Kidney and Nutrition Awareness Month.

Registration is free and starts at 5am at the Garapan Fishing Base right across Kristo Rai Church and the event will last until 9am. The race starts at 6am.

According to CHCC-Dr. Jose T. Villagomez Center for Dialysis acting unit head nurse Miles Rodriguez March is National Kidney Month with March 10 celebrated as World Kidney Day, "a worldwide initiative to raise awareness about kidney disease."

"Chronic kidney disease has been a growing concern around the world and our island community is not spared. CKD is a progressive loss in kidney function over a period of months or years," said Rodriguez.

She added that 8 to 10 percent of the world's adult population suffers from some form of kidney damage where millions die prematurely because of CKD-related complications. People affected by CKD also increased by 82 percent from a period of 1990 to 2012.

Rodriguez said Pacific Island nations also were among the countries in the world that has the highest cases of diabetes and hypertension, which also causes CKD. The CNMI was not spared as renal disease patients have been increasing every year.

"It is our job as healthcare providers to shed light about this growing concern and to educate on how to slow the progression of the disease once diagnosis has been established," Rodriguez added.

St. Jude Renal Care, Department of Public Health, Non-Communicable Disease Bureau, and the Northern Marianas College Nursing Club are the other partners of the CHCC-DJTVC dialysis center in organizing the event.

The five groups decided to organize the event to educate the community about renal disease, how to manage it for those already diagnosed with CKD, and how to prevent it for some who are at risk of having the disease.

The 5K walk and fun run will be from Garapan Fishing Base to Oleai Beach Bar & Grill. There will also be booths that will offer free blood pressure and blood screening, education and information booth on how to take care of our kidneys, cooking demonstrations of healthy foods, a Zumba session, and a support panel for those who already have renal disease.

For more information, call Rodriguez at 287-8152 or Chrislaine Pangelinan at 236-8303.

Singers, bands invited to NMC's Charter Day competitions

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Nikki Ayuyu, who was a contestant in last year's Charter Day Celebration, will perform during the Marianas Idol competition of this year's Charter Day celebration that will be held on Friday, April 8, and Saturday, April 9, 2016 at NMC's South Field at the As Terlaje Campus.

The Northern Marianas College Charter Day Planning Committee is inviting individuals or groups who are interested in competing for Marianas Idol and the Battle of the Bands competitions to sign up for these events.

The Marianas Idol competition showcases the CNMI's local singers while the Battle of the Bands allows local bands from different musical genres to compete.

The Northern Marianas College Charter Day will be a two-day celebration that will take place on Friday, April 8, 2016, from 4pm to 9pm and Saturday, April 9, 2016, from 9am to 4pm at NMC's South Field at the As Terlaje campus.

"We'll be showcasing various programs, delicious food and thirst quenching drinks from many of the local vendors, and we will be featuring great entertainment," said Greg Sablan, Charter Day Planning Committee chair.

Those interested in competing in any of the competitions can pick up an application form from Cassandra Deleon Guerrero at NMC's Building K, or can download application forms at www.marianas.edu. There is no application fee for any of the competitions.

Applications for the competitions are due Friday, April 1, 2016 by 4pm. The auditions for the Marianas Idol singing competition and the Battle of the Bands will be on April 6, 2016 the venue for the auditions will be announced at a later time.

For the Battle of the Bands, groups are required to bring their own equipment. In addition to inviting participants for the competitions, the Charter Day Planning Committee is also inviting agencies, businesses, clubs and other civic organizations to participate by purchasing booth space for the following categories: food/drink, game booths, retail (arts and crafts, toys etc.), and information.

The deadline to submit applications for booth spaces is on Friday, April 1, 2016. Booth space is limited so applications should be submitted as soon the deadline is announced. The booth fee is $100 for NMC clubs and nonprofit organizations and $250 for commercial vendors.

For more information about booth spaces, please contact Queanna Sablan at 234-6774 or email her at queanna.sablan@marianas.edu.

Additional information about NMC Charter Day is also available online at www.marianas.edu. ***(PR)***

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

ANZ GUAM, INC., formerly known as CITIZENS SECURITY BANKS (GUAM), INC., **Plaintiff,** **vs.** **JESUS T. LIZAMA dba VICTORIA HOTEL, J&JEV ENTERPRISES, INC., and the BANK OF GUAM, Defendants.**	**Civil Action No. 00-0296 D** **SECOND NOTICE OF POSTPONEMENT OF AUCTION/ JUDICIAL SALE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Auction/ Judicial Sale for the following properties described below is hereby POSTPONED until further notice. The auction presently scheduled for March 21, 2016 at 10:00 A.M. at the Law Office of Robert T. Torres will not proceed and shall be postponed. The Auction/Judicial Sale shall be re-noticed by publication in the same manner as authorized by the Superior Court, when so deemed appropriate by the undersigned appointed Auctioneer. No bids shall be accepted nor considered until the appropriate re-notice of the auction.

AUCTION/ JUDICIAL SALE: POSTPONED FOR THE FOLLOWING LOTS:

a. LOT 001 D 13, (formerly known as Block 3, Lot 1), as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 001 D 00, the original of which was registered 30 SEP 70 as Document No. 512 at Land Registry, Saipan.
b. LOT 001 D 14, (formerly known as Block 3, Lot 2), as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 001 D 00, the original of which was registered 30 SEP 70 as Document No. 512 at Land Registry, Saipan.
c. TRACT 21732-9, part of original Tract 21732-R1, AH 140), as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 2085/84, the original of which was recorded 08 AUG 84 as Document No. 84-1439 at the Commonwealth Recorder's Office, Saipan.

SO NOTICED this 16th day of March, 2016.

/s/ Robert T. Torres, Auctioneer

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

In the Matter of the Petition To Appoint General Guardianship For: Lu, Chenxuan/Lu, Chenrui Minor Child By Lu, Fengying Petitioners	] FCD GU CIVIL] ACTION NO:] 16-0095]]]]]]]]]

NOTICE OF HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the above-entitled matter is set for a hearing on May 12, 2016 at 10:30 a.m. in Courtroom 205A, before Honorable Judge Kenneth L. Govendo.

Dated this 15th day of March, 2016

Patrick V. Diaz
Clerk of Court

/s/ Deputy Clerk of Court

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

IN RE THE ESTATE OF **PRUDENCIO ILITAGIAN SARALU**	: Civil Action : No. 16-0016 CV : : NOTICE OF HEARING : OF PETITION FOR : APPOINTMENT OF : ADMINISTRATOR : OF THE ESTATE : : Date: March 22, 2016 : Time: 1:30PM

TO ALL HEIRS, DEVISEES, LEGATEES, AND CREDITORS OF ESTANILAO LEON GUERRERO WAKI, DECEASED.

NOTICE IS HERREBY GIVEN that Petitioner, Steven S. Dela Cruz has filed with the Clerk of Court a petition to be appointed Administrator of the above Decedent's Estate. The Attorney of Record is Loren A. Sutton who may be reached at (670) 989-0627.

The Petition is set to be heard at the Superior Court in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. Any person who has any objection to the Petition may file his or her objection with the Superior Court at any time before the hearing and be present to make such objection in the Court.

Creditors and all persons having claims against the Decedent or his estate are hereby notified that they must file their claims with the Clerk of Court within sixty (60) days of the first publication of this notice or the claims will be forever barred.

Dated this 5th day of February 2016.

/s/ Clerk of Court

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

BANK OF GUAM, **Plaintiff,** **vs.** **KIM EUGENE FORRESTER,** **Defendant.**	**Civil Action No. 14-0223** **NOTICE OF HEARING ON PLAINTIFF'S MOTION TO CONFIRM SALE OF DEFENDANT'S REMAINING LEASEHOLD INTEREST ON THE MORTGAGE PROPERTY**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the attached Motion to Confirm Sale of Defendant's remaining leasehold interest on the Mortgaged Property by Plaintiff Bank of Guam has been filed with the Court and said Motion is set for a hearing on this 5th day of April, 2016, at 1:30pm, before Judge Camacho in the Superior Court, Susupe, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Dated this 17th day of February, 2016.

/s/
Clerk of Court/Deputy Clerk of Court

FHB Saipan branches give school supplies to MTEC

First Hawaiian Bank's two Saipan branches located in Gualo Rai and Oleai donated pencils, rulers, and erasers for the Marianas Tourism Education Council's school Outreach Program, according to an announcement by Laura-Lynn V. Dacanay, First Hawaiian Bank senior vice president, Guam and CNMI Region manager.

"The Marianas Tourism Education Council is appreciative for the support from the First Hawaiian Bank. MTEC's Education Outreach Program is currently at the elementary school level and these school supplies donated by FHB will be a welcomed part of the program."

MTEC believes "Tourism is Everyone's Business" and actively does outreach at local Saipan schools to teach children about the importance of tourism to the region's economy. They learn how they can do their part to support tourism and make their island a welcoming place for tourist to visit and explore.

The school supplies were presented on Feb. 10, 2016, at the First Hawaiian Bank Oleai Branch. ***(PR)***

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EDITORIAL

Congress wants to buy ships the Navy doesn't need

It's as much a springtime tradition in Washington as the White House Easter Egg Roll, though not nearly as edifying: As Congress takes up the Defense Department's budget request, lawmakers scramble to add ships, tanks and planes that the military hasn't even asked for. This year, however, taxpayers have been promised change—and it's easy to test how serious Congress is.

The chairmen of the House and Senate Armed Services Committees, Rep. Mac Thornberry of Texas and Sen. John McCain of Arizona, have pledged to rein in runaway defense spending. There are plenty of pet projects lawmakers want to add to the military's 2017 budget, but three stand out:

■ Purchasing three new littoral combat ships rather than the two the military has requested, wiping out hundreds of millions in planned savings.

■ Allocating money to a special fund that would allow the Navy to build the next-generation nuclear-armed submarine without dipping into its ordinary shipbuilding budget.

■ Building 10 new Virginia-class attack submarines, which cost around $2.5 billion each, instead of the nine the military requested over a five-year period.

All of these proposals have two things in common. First, their supporters say they're critical to national defense. And second, they bring federal money to their supporters' districts. In most cases, that first claim is simply untrue. And even when it isn't, it doesn't necessarily follow that the project should be approved.

The littoral combat ships, for example, have been a contracting disaster, vastly over cost and underperforming. The entire program needs a strict review to decide which one of the two versions should be canceled, or even both.

The fund would just rob Peter (the Army and Air Force) to pay Paul (the Navy). There are far better ways to free up money for the next-generation nuclear-armed submarine, including smarter contracting that would better defray spending over years and hold contractors, not taxpayers, responsible for cost overruns. Besides, if the money is set aside, it would just encourage the other branches to use this same budgeting gimmick.

The most defensible project is probably the Virginia, the world's best conventionally armed attack sub. It's a central part of U.S. efforts to counter Chinese expansionism in the Pacific. The Navy will eventually get up to 48 of the Virginia subs, but there's no pressing security reason to add another to the next batch.

Which goes to the larger point: This kind of budgeting process does even worthy projects no favors.

As they consider the Pentagon's budget, members of Congress should bear in mind that a country stays powerful by spending wisely. Further padding a military budget already at $600 billion may be politically advantageous for lawmakers. But it won't make Americans safer.

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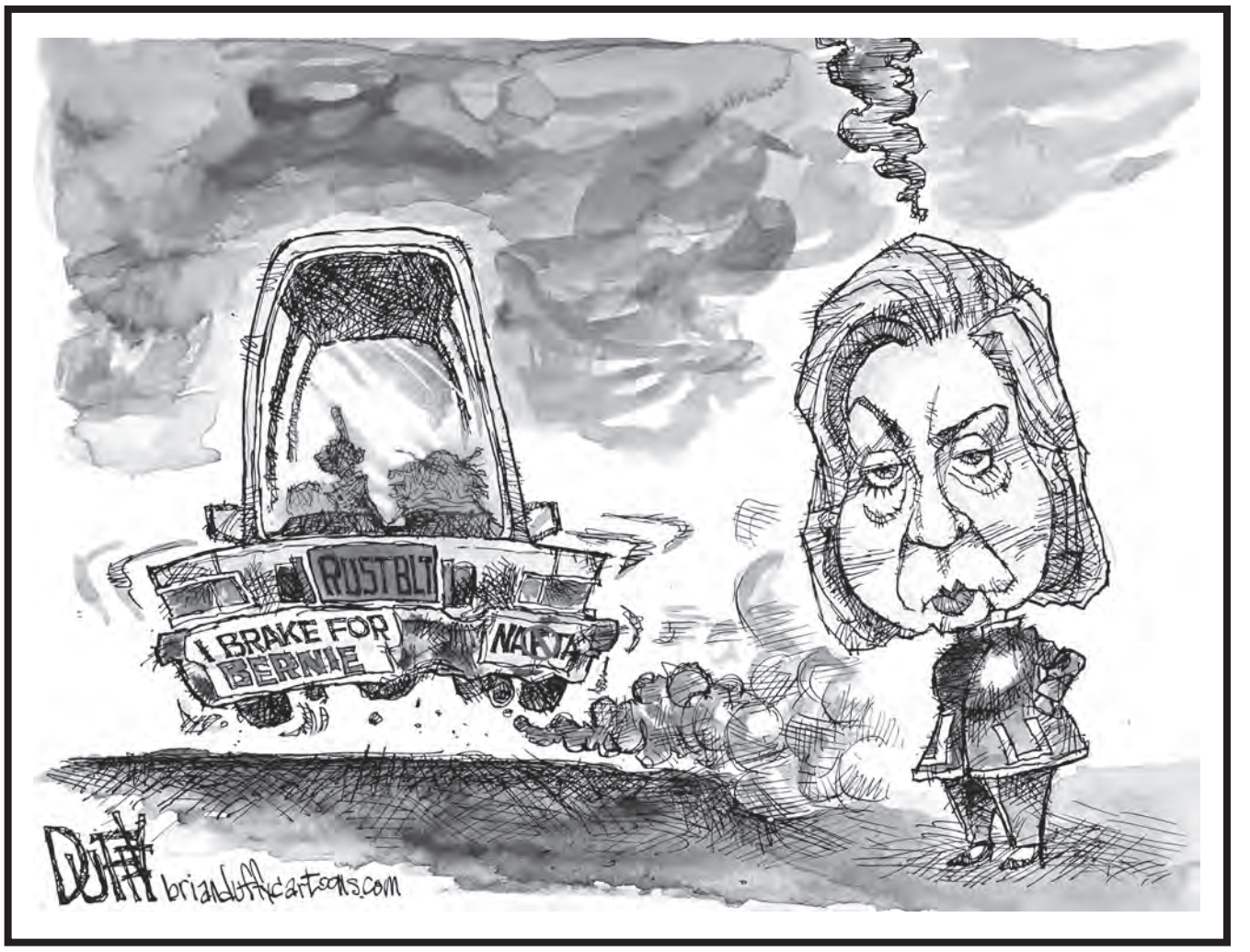

Mickey's Green

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Special to the Saipan Tribune

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We are familiar with St. Patrick, the Roman-Brit boy captured by Irish pirates, found his way back to England six years later, only to return to Ireland as a missionary. (I was raised a Protestant so you will forgive my irreverent disregard for saintly details.)

St. Patrick is not really our focus, though a big parade always takes place on St. Patrick's Day in NYC and leaves the Irish proud. It is the Mickey malt liquor on a green bottle with an ABV percent content of 5.6 that we hold on our left hand. Mickey is often referred to as a grenade, with its beehive-shaped, wide-mouthed waffle designed bottles of 16 to 40 ounces.

One can't get more Mickey than when the Irish play football (soccer, in America). The Irish team headed by popular player Keane and former player-coach McCarthy prepared for the FIFA in Saipan in 2002 for Japan. What has been called the Saipan Incidence in the football world emerged from two differing perspectives. Keane was keen on winning the FIFA championship and came to Saipan to prepare for it; he accused McCarthy as derelict to his coaching duties.

He thought the Irish Federation, with officials sitting on First Class in the plane while the players sat on Second Class on the long haul from Ireland, noticed the condition of the playing field where they were to practice. It became clear to him that the team and its officials were more on a junket than on the isle to prepare. Keane left the team.

One son-in-law is Irish, straight from Galway, who resides in the United States, a tunnel worker currently underground in San Francisco boring on a city subway project while two boys bask on the sun on the Oakland foothills. I met him at an Arlington, VA pub when I lived in the area and he did tunneling in the DC area; he could nurse his brew and quaff his beer like water, in the same way the French imbibe on their wine. He and my daughter raise two boys. They play soccer!

(My eldest has two boys, too, and with grandpa, could easily dribble to the backcourt as a basketball team, but they also play soccer!)

Mickey marketed as a malt liquor (strong beer) is slightly higher in ABV percentage than the local Bud but the American Mickey gives the impression of being Irish. It is all in the perspective, which tends to determine expectation and how fast one "gets drunk", faster with Mickey rather than the other variety. It is more expensive than just the regular can or bottle. I bought half a dozen of the 40 oz. just so I can use the bottle as water container in the refrigerator.

St. Patrick the Brit is the most popular saint in Ireland, patron saint of a Celtic-based nation as opposed to the English. In a similar fashion, it is the "green" of the Planet Earth that has become a global color, never mind that the land and skies have turned murky brown. As we wrote earlier, the greening of the planet is not so we can maintain the freshness of our planetary dwelling (too late) as we have turned it into the carbon monoxide-laden skies of our familiar, but so we can mitigate its further spread. The effort looks better on public relations than in the actual reduction of carbon emission, but like the Mickey perspective, the greening of the planet serves as a useful perspective more than furthering its reversal.

St. Patrick became "Irish" by adoption, as Mickey has become my beer by decision. The greening of the planet is a social practice that we can all choose as an option.

A recent picture of what we are expected to be known 100 years from now is a plastic bottle on the sand. Our future was characterized by a well-meaning executive to a newly graduate character played by Dustin Hoffman in the 1967 movie, the Graduate, as "plastic." He was on target.

That's one area where we can begin. Plastic has a life expectancy of 10,000 years, and it only disintegrates into small pieces. We can all participate in the management of our common kitchen variety plastic.

A man in my neighborhood picks up plastic trash in our parking lot. He does not make a big fuzz of it, nor does he get into a crusade; he just picks up the trash. I walk Saipan's pathway with a plastic bag to gather carelessly strewn wrappers and food containers blown into the shore. At high tide, they are swept into the lagoon to the detriment of the algae and fish. Thrown milk containers are a bane to the ground everywhere.

Reusing plastic containers is another activity where each can participate. The bottle of Mickey for water in my fridge is obviously insignificant, but if we bother to scissor-strip the soft and malleable plastics that populate our kitchens before putting them in the trash and finding their way into the dumpster, it compacts the ingredient before it is piled up in the dump. OK. It is a Band-Aid operation but it is something we can do. Of course, concerted efforts by government bodies and private entities to recycle more is needed, but the greening of Earth is everyone's responsibility!

I suspect St. Patrick might agree.

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"Sañgan haf` para un` sañgan…"

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Special to the Saipan Tribune

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Sessu teñga gi programan "Marianas Agupa" madandan kantan tiuhu Colonel Alex Sablan ni ilelegña "sañgan haf` para un` sañgan…" Su`anu na mensahe ni siña un` pula` gi fina` konbetsasion. Kumeke ileghu libianu un` sañgan sentiment-mu sin ditension `sino hassu dodopblan palabra sin un` na`puti i otru.

Fuera de sumen propiu i mensahe paire na sotfa ha pegaye kontodu i pañgpañg i kanta. Maila` ta chule` dumeskute dididi` i hinerat na pineduñg palabra.

Komprendiyun i diniteni gi tautau-ta siha sumañgan dibuenamente haf` gaige gi hinassun niha. Kada unu gai hinassu. Ti siña ni unabes bai sañgan na hinassog-hu solu i dinanche sa` tatnai mana`e-yu` solamente ni tanu` menhalom yan tomtum. Todu man-mana`e nu este na bittu.

Hu agradese umekuñgog finu` tautau-ta siha pot rason na ayu `nai siña hu pesa haf` gaige gi sentimentun niha. Pues, kau fabot `sino kontra sentimentomu gi asuntu sañgan huyuñg hinassomu sin ditension. Ginen inatuñgu` `nai mas libianu ta establese inakomprende ginen membron komunida. Huñgan, "sañgan haf` para un` sañgan…"

Presisu Na Inetnon Natibu

Sessu hu ekuñgog kinalamten inetnon siha guine yan haf` mansañgan pot asuntun futunan natibu. Guaha man-benefisiosu, guaha suspichosu, yan guaha lokue` sumen tai bali. Memegaiña besis na todu tumotpe mattiñgan batku sin timon. Kada inetnon kunsu kuat.

Gi todu pot todu, tatnai huli`e` sinsiyu na inetnon para umaplanuye haf` mauleg u fan mapetsige pot kuttura deste halom guma` huyuñg esta i eskuela yan komunida. Kada grupu yan kaprichoña gi haf` hinasoña dinanche. Kada monhayan bisnis niha haf` na malofan i pagyu.

Kase mauleg tafaisen i Board of Education yan NMC Board of Regents kau siña dumaña` ya uma`atan rekomendasion siha taimanu `nai siña ma-atisa naturatmente kutturan natibu. Yangin siha gume`eluye este na kinalamten libianu ma-otganisa programan tinituhun leksion siha deste usun liñguahe, finana`guen halom guma`, dottrina yan otru siha.

Pot primet besis debi ta prekura este na hinassu pot satbasion natibu. Gi halom todu rekomendasion hahasu ha` na gaige pisun tinituhon gi halom guma`.

Adelantun Ekonomia

Magof amiguhu Magoo `nai ha taitai ripot na guaha tres pot sientu na adelantun ekonomian iya Marianas. Kontodu amigahu Bagu` magof na guaha este na mensahe.

Dispues sige i dos kumuentos haf` sustansian ayu na ripot para i publiku espesiatmente para todu empleau gi todu atmos banda—praibet yan gobietnu.

Mafaisen-yu` ayudun esplikasion gi mapula` ayu na ripot. Ensegidas hu tanchu` pottanmonedan niha kau guaha adelantu gi ginanan niha kada dos semana. Man-oppe i dos na tiha kahuhulu` sueddon niha.

Adelantun ekonomia, yangin guaha mamamaila`, tinaka` tiempu estake para u fattu papa` gi mahatsan sueddon empleau siha. Dudayu` kau u fattu este hihot yan pa`gu. Tinaka ta`lu `nos kuantos na tiempu. Lau sin planu pues achamauleg haf` siña un` apotsu taimanu-yu` mismu. Puru dibina sin ineppe.

Debi uma`atan kuantu maliñguña i empleau pot mas ke benti años na tiempu. Seguruyu` na mas ke sisienta pot sientu na mattiru pumalo`pu memegaiña gi tautau-ta. "Lapekaras, pues tai bali ayu na adelantu?" mamaisen si Magoo. Ayu na adelantu ni para fahan chirigami` ti bali!

Tatkilu` Haga`: Un` asuntu ni debi kada sakan inna`e animu muna` mariseta i haga` miyu. Debi un` ketuñgu` kau tatkilu`, safu hau sa` mauleg na eskalera `nai gaige, yan kau regulat i mantika gi halom haga`mu ni mafanana`an cholesterol.

I tatkilu` haga` primera pipinu`. Entre sinaulag hau matai korason (heart attack) pat machuda` haga tinanos-mu (stroke). Poresu na debi inna`e animu muna` marikonose ya inna` seguru na regulat tinatkilo`ña. Chogue ensegidas pot satbasion-mu mismu.

Probleman Komunida

Guaha siha famaguon huli`e` mas didog probleman niha ke otdinariu na man-hoben. Siha este na famaguon mas man-miproblema piot gi bandan leksion eskuela. Gaige lamayot patte i problema gi gima`. Todu klasen chinatsaga humohogse este siha na man-hoben.

Guaha malañgu, ti nahuñg attension saina, yan destrosiun usun amot binenu gi unu pat todu i dos saina. Gi katkuet manera, problema-ta este na asuntu kumu membron este na komunida. Ayudu manesessita lau trabiha tihu tuñgu` sessu haf` na alibiu siña tana`e este siha na famaguon. Diberas man-namase` ya makat hu estomagu i sapet na ha`anen niha.

Yangin familia, pues toma padiset ya una` fan satton siha gi areglon famaguon. Dañkulu na ayudu manesesita. Umapasensiaye ya puede u guaha maseha dididi` atttension.

Man-ñahlalañg

Hafa na `an madidibi hit kulan hita man-didibi? Mamahlau hit mañgopbla. Umaya yan para umakopbla. No siakasu. Kulan ha`anen picnic. Dios mihu!

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Hu faisen amiguhu Magoo haf` na i taimamahlau mas misuette ke gai mamahlau? Ilegña, "Sa` hagas taimamahlau ya nukeru-gue` nu guiya mismu!" Dios tiampare!

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Chat-usun palabra tat kumu "malaktus" pot "kalaktus", lache. Malaktus pot mañan tautau. Pot ihemplo: Ti siña ha diñgu asaguaña sa malaktus mampos". Kumeke ilegña egu`!

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Pot neñkanu`, ilegña si Juan Malas, "`An ñalañg hau, chochu. `An ti ñalañg hau muñga chumochu. `An chumochu hau cha`mu gulususune". Dinanche!

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Ha sañgane-yu` un` lodu` mediku haf` siha mauleg na neñgkanu` pot no bai` yomug. `Nai huli`e linedu` sinturaña, ileghu na guiya numesessita abisu ti guahu. Chata` mamomokat gi halom hospitat ni yinimogña haf` na iridau alifante!

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`Nai hinasa i amiguhu hu señas para u dalakeyu` halom. Hu tufuñg esta`i mina ` tres na napu ayu `nai ma`udai halom gi halom rubentason. `An tihu ayuda kase dimalas i prohimu.

Tihu komprende dispues haf` na fa`gas pachotñayu` `nai kada ratu ha lapblayu` man-mala`et siha na sentimentu. Tiha estotbayu` sa` haf` gumupu huyuñg siempre u liliku` estake mattu tatte.

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I cinnamon mauleg para mamunu` chetnot daibites. `An oga`an, hu ippe` i pan ya huna`ye mantikiya dispues hu kalañgkane potbus cinnamon yan dididi` miet ya hu kanu` yan makosidun chada`. Ha rebaha biahi-hu para i kemun `an pueñge deste kuatru esta`i unu. Tatnai esta chathinasu-yu` pot este na chetnot sa` husoda`e cha`otña gi cinnamon. Chage!

10 reasons you won't leave America if Hillary or Trump are elected

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There's an epidemic of people swearing they'll leave the United States if Hillary Clinton or Donald Trump are elected. No you won't. In the spirit of David Letterman's old Top 10 lists, here's why.

■ You can't easily relocate to Canada. Although you'd think otherwise, Canada is not a likely first choice for your flight from horror. In 2014, only about 8,500 Americans relocated there permanently. Turns out the Canadians are picky about who they let in. Farmers, sportspersons (a term in the Canadian screening process), and artists have something of a fast track. Skilled workers too. Most of us don't fit those categories.

■ Mexico then? About 750,000 Americans are living there now, with another 250,000 snowbirding there. Most of those folks are retirees though, gone south for the less expensive lifestyle and good weather. But guess what? You need a visa for Mexico if you're planning to stay. You'll also want to read the travel advisories.

■ You don't speak the language. To reside in Canada, you're going to have to prove you are fluent in English or French. Yes, there is a test, for a fee. Perhaps you speak at least some Spanish or French. In the ex-pat communities, you'll probably be fine. Wherever you are, an informal "tourist" tax may come with your lack of fluency. No refunds at the border.

■ You'll miss the food. Much the same happens if you move to another state. Are you willing to give up barbeque, Tex-Mex, and chicken-fried steak? Or Whataburger? For four years? Yes, you'll lose weight and feel better, but this is a serious consideration.

■ You can't afford it. Parts of Central and South America are exceptions, perhaps, and you could be happy there. Unless you want to come back for holidays and birthdays and weddings, and on and on. It'll add up. If you've watched HGTV, you'll already know you can't afford a house in Canada. Switzerland — another favorite for those threatening to flee — is among the most expensive places to live in the world. Not happening for most.

■ You're not a celebrity. Every election cycle, a heady group of A-listers announces departure plans. This year is no exception: Samuel L. Jackson, Jon Stewart, Cher, to name a few. Jennifer Lawrence announced the world would end if Trump's elected; is the heroine of "The Hunger Games" and "The X-Men" harbor afraid? Raven-Symone of The Talk will leave if a Republican wins. She says she's already bought her ticket. On the conservative side, Bill O'Reilly plans to move if Bernie Sanders is elected.

■ You have too much stuff. Unless you've embraced Marie Kondo's "The Life-Changing Magic of Tidying Up," your possessions would pose a barrier. She wants you to keep only things that "spark joy." Unless you're willing to sell most of your stuff (as George Carlin called it in his classic bit) or know someone crazy enough to watch over it while you're gone, material goods will hang around your neck like an albatross.

■ You really can't afford it. As stated above, moving puts you in another country using your own resources. It neglects what bills you've left behind. A 2015 Harris Poll survey cites typical American debt at $130,922, with $15,762 on credit cards. That's a lot of money. Even if you sell most of your stuff, some folks here are not going to want you to go. Get a Dave Ramsay book maybe, and dig yourself out of debt. He talks about freedom a lot. It sounds great, but working in another country is yet another hurdle.

■ You're not a liar. Saying "I'm leaving" is just a way of expressing frustration. Unless you're a Republican running for the nomination, probably no one calls you a liar. Don't put yourself in a position where someone calls you up on Nov. 9, offers to help you pack, and you have to say something stupid.

■ You're not a coward. This country is worth saving. No matter what side you're on the Constitution and the Bill of Rights are two of the most wonderful documents ever written. In the past, few have ever followed up on these empty threats. Stay. Get active in your party of choice. Donate. You've got a voice. It's better to use it than to run.

The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
Partly cloudy with isolated light showers. East winds 5 to 15 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated light showers. Light and variable winds.	Partly cloudy with isolated light showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated light showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated light showers.
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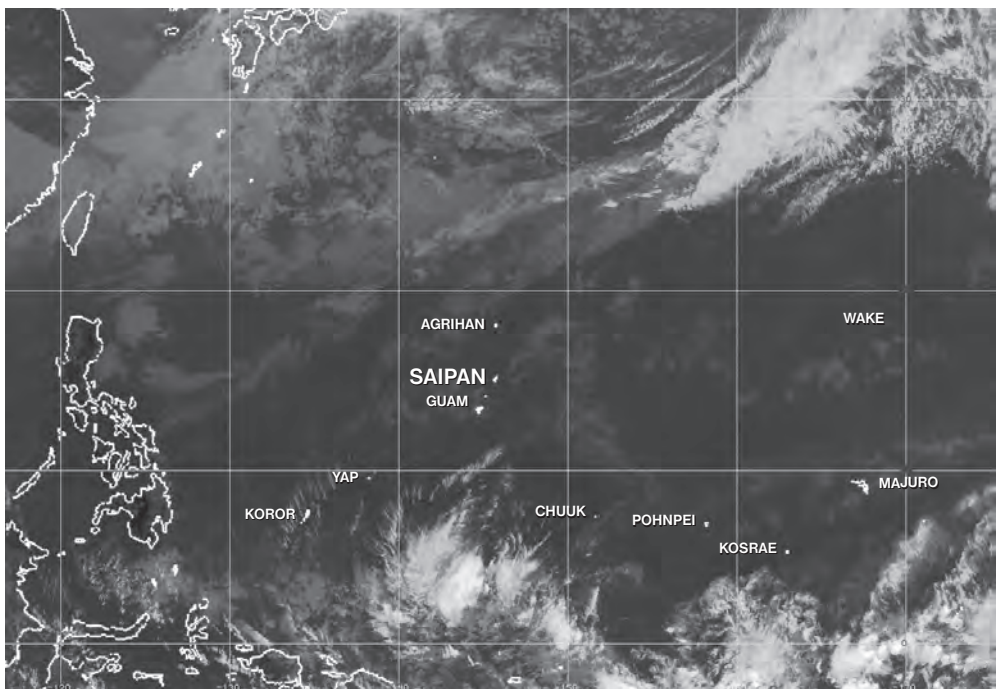

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Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A cold front extends southwestward through 25N158E to 21N150E then undulates westward to beyond 130E at 20N. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms are seen along and north of the cold front to beyond 25N. Clouds and patchy rain are seen along and north of the shear line to 25N. A surface trough stretches east-southeastward through 2N130E to end near EQ146E. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms are present southeast of Koror south of a line from 6N139E to 6N144E to EQ153E. Trade-wind convergence is generating scattered showers and a few thunderstorms south of Kosrae and Majuro south of a line from 3N160E to 5N180.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

Micronesia

Guam And Rota	Showers	▲83	▼74
Palau	Partly Cloudy	▲89	▼76
Yap	Partly Cloudy	▲88	▼77
Chuuk	Partly Cloudy	▲86	▼80
Pohnpei	Partly Cloudy	▲87	▼80
Kosrae	Mostly Cloudy	▲85	▼81
Majuro	Mostly Cloudy	▲85	▼81

Around the Globe

Auckland	Showers	▲75	▼65
Beijing	Partly Cloudy	▲68	▼38
Hong Kong	Showers	▲69	▼65
Honolulu	Windy	▲75	▼64
London	Sunny	▲55	▼35
Los Angeles	Sunny	▲86	▼57
Manila	Partly Cloudy	▲92	▼75
Melbourne	Partly Cloudy	▲90	▼63
Miami	Mostly Sunny	▲85	▼69
New York	Mostly Cloudy	▲61	▼47
Osaka	Sunny	▲66	▼46
Paris	Sunny	▲56	▼35
Pusan	Partly Cloudy	▲63	▼49
Rome	Showers	▲62	▼47
Salem	Cloudy	▲57	▼36
San Francisco	Sunny	▲65	▼52
Seoul	Partly Cloudy	▲61	▼43
Tokyo	Sunny	▲66	▼44
Washington, DC	Thundershowers	▲73	▼49

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- *11 on any IT&E cellular phone
- Log on to the internet at www.nmicrimestoppers.com

Tides

Saipan Harbor

4:58 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.6 Feet
10:09 AM	Today	Low Tide:	1.2 Feet
3:07 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.6 Feet
10:44 PM	Today	Low Tide:	0.0 Feet

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	6:23 AM	6:27 PM
Friday	6:23 AM	6:28 PM
Saturday	6:22 AM	6:28 PM
Sunday	6:21 AM	6:28 PM
Monday	6:21 AM	6:28 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	1:32 AM	1:18 PM
Friday	2:24 AM	2:11 PM
Saturday	3:12 AM	3:04 PM
Sunday	3:57 AM	3:54 PM
Monday	4:40 AM	4:43 PM

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DEPARTURES

SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)

UA2924	4:15am	5:05am	Daily
UA2922	8:40am	9:30am	Daily
UA2921	1:30pm	3:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7 via Rota
UA2920	2:20pm	3:10pm	2, 3, 6
UA2928	6:05pm	6:55pm	Daily
UA2926	9:50pm	10:40pm	Daily

SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)

UA2921	1:30pm	2:05pm	1, 4, 5, 7

ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)

UA2921	2:35pm	3:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7

SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)

DL297	4:20pm	7:10pm	Daily

SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)

OZ626	2:10am	6:00am	1
OZ626	2:50am	6:40am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
OZ628	3:50am	7:40am	Daily
7C3403	4:35am	8:30am	Daily
7C3401	4:30pm	8:25pm	Daily

SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)

OZ608	3:10am	6:20am	4, 7

SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)

3U8648	6:10am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 7

SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)

MU764	1:30am	5:30am	3, 5, 7

SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)

3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6

SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)

OZ626/701	2:10am	11:15am	1 via ICN
OZ626/701	2:50am	11:15am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UA2924/191	4:15am	9:00am	3, 6 via GUM
UA2924/PR111	4:15am	9:20am	Daily via GUM
UA2922/183	8:40am	9:30pm	2, 5 via GUM
UA2922/183	8:40am	9:50pm	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
UA2922/193	8:40am	11:10pm	2, 5 via GUM-ROR
UA2921/183	1:30pm	9:30pm	5 via Rota-GUM
UA2921/183	1:30pm	9:50pm	1, 4, 7 via Rota-GUM
UA2921/193	1:30pm	11:10pm	5 via Rota-GUM
UA2920/183	2:20pm	9:30pm	2 via GUM
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SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)

OZ626/721	2:10am	11:50am	1 via ICN
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UA2922/159	8:40am	10:35pm	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM
UA2921/159	1:30pm	10:35pm	1, 5 via Rota-GUM
UA2920/159	2:20pm	10:35pm	3, 6 via GUM

ARRIVALS

GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN

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UA2925	7:15am	8:05am	Daily
UA2921	12:10pm	1:00pm	1, 4, 5, 7
UA2920	12:10pm	1:50pm	2, 3, 6 via Rota
UA2927	4:45pm	5:35pm	Daily
UA2929	8:30pm	9:20pm	Daily

GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)

UA2920	12:10pm	12:45pm	2, 3, 6

ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN

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NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN

DL298	10:35am	3:10pm	Daily

SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN

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OZ627	9:30pm	2:50am+1	Daily
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BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN

OZ607	9:00pm	1:50am+1	3, 6

SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN

3U8647	10:40pm	5:00am+1	3, 4, 6, 7

BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN

MU763	4:30pm	12:30am+1	2, 4, 6

GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN

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MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN

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HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN

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Pamintuan Top 6 in regional Spelling Bee

Out of the more than 50 competitors from Guam, Saipan, Tinian, Rota, and Pohnpei and after several spelling rounds, Ted Pamintuan was one of the six spellers left standing on the stage when he was asked to spell the word "diaphragm."

After asking the usual questions about the word spellers are allowed to ask the pronouncer such as definition, origin, alternate pronunciation, etc., without obvious hesitation, Pamintuan recited correctly each letter in proper sequence up to the seventh letter. Unfortunately, missing to spell the 8th letter "g" prevented Pamintuan from going further in the competition. The audience's reaction was of surprise as Pamintuan was able to spell in the previous rounds several words considered far more difficult.

It was first time for the 5th grader from Green Meadow School to compete in the annual Regional Scripps Spelling Bee in Guam. Being among the Top 6 best 2016 Scripps regional spellers is by all measurements a tremendous accomplishment for Pamintuan, for Green Meadow School, for his coach teacher Lorelisa Espiritu, and for his parents, classmates, and friends who gave Pamintuan their full support and encouragement from the time he was named the school's representative and even after the competition. Congratulations Pamintuan for a great job and to all wonderful people who helped him achieved such an exceptional accomplishment! ***(PR)***

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

After the Scripps Regional Spelling Bee competition in Guam on March 6, 2016, 5th grader Ted Pamintuan poses with alternate speller Chealzka Navarro and father Willie Pamintuan, pronouncer Tom Poole, Green Meadow School president Mila Songcuan, and daughter Lizelle.

NAP seeks proposals from vendors for new eligibility system

Request for Proposals for a New Eligibility System for the CNMI Nutrition Assistance Program has been published beginning March 15, 2016 through June 13, 2016. The NAP is seeking for sealed proposals from interested, licensed and qualified firms to provide "CNMI Nutrition Assistance Program's Eligibility System."

NAP is looking to engage with a vendor that will improve the operation and service level of the CNMI NAP program by replacing the current system with a modern, comprehensive system that better meets the needs of the CNMI. The link to the RFP may be found at http://media.wix.com/ugd/2795c2_090418080e6a446b859196c6437ac652.pdf.

A copy of the RFP may be picked up at the NAP office, JTV Building in As Lito. Questions regarding the RFP must be submitted in writing and are due no later than the close of business, April 28, 2016 and should be directed to: NAP administrator Walter Macaranas at P.O. Box 501488 Saipan, MP 96950 or call 2372844 or fax 6642850 or email dccanap@pticom.com.

Responses to questions shall be shared with all registered firms. It is mandatory that all interested parties register with the CNMI Division Procurement & Supply by May 13, 2016. Once registered, you will be notified should there be any amendments made to this RFP. To register, contact Vivian M. Lizama at procurement@pticom.com.

All proposal submissions must be sealed, shall be marked "RFP16-DCCA/NAP-079" and submitted in an original, and four (4) copies no later than 10am, local time, on June 13, 2016 to the Office of the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base Drive, Saipan, MP 96950.

Proposers located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their proposal by submitting a Notice of Intent to Propose. Notices of Intent to Propose must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than 10am, local time, on June 13, 2016, and may be transmitted via facsimile to 6641515 or via email to procurement@pticom.com.

In addition, proposers located outside of the CNMI, one original and four (4) copies of sealed proposals must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than June 13, 2016 and the proposal documents must be received at the Office of the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base Drive no later than June 21, 2016.

Proposals sent from proposers located outside of the CNMI must be marked RFP16-DCCA/NAP-079 and addressed to Division of Procurement and Supply director Herman S. Sablan, Lower Base Drive, P.O. Box 510008 C.K., Saipan, MP 96950.

Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be caused for rejection of proposal. ***(PR)***

Bordallo statement on $300K grant for political status education

WASHINGTON, D.C.— Congresswoman Madeleine Z. Bordallo issued the following statement regarding the U.S. Department of the Interior's Office of Insular Affairs' award of $300,000 in technical assistance to the Commission on Decolonization for political status education.

The grant will enable the Commission to begin outreach efforts to educate the public about legal status options for a future political status plebiscite. This award is part of the nearly $1.5 million in technical assistance funding that was recently awarded by the Office of Insular Affairs.

As Bordallo indicated in her Congressional address last week, she has been working closely with Assistant Secretary Kia'aina regarding the Commission's grant application. Congresswoman Bordallo underscored to Assistant Secretary Kia'aina the importance of this grant to moving forward with Guam's efforts on self-determination. The grant follows a conference hosted by OIA last month to discuss the political statuses of Guam, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and American Samoa.

"I am pleased that the Office of Insular Affairs has approved Guam's application for $300,000 for an education campaign on political status. This grant will be critical to informing the public about the self-determination process, the legal status options that will be available to them, and the ramifications a change in political status may have on their daily lives. This grant is consistent with the intent of Congress and the provision that I passed in 2010 to clarify that OIA can use technical assistance for political status education in the territories. I greatly appreciate that Assistant Secretary Kia'aina fulfilled a commitment that she made to me to provide federal resources for political status education in Guam.

"I believe these funds will provide an initial investment in the self-determination effort. I thank Assistant Secretary Kia'aina for her leadership within the Obama Administration to support our self-determination efforts. I also commend the Commission on Decolonization for their diligent work in putting together this grant application and continuing their work to advance this issue. As I said in my Congressional address last week, self-determination is the ultimate legacy that we can leave for our children, and it is an issue that we have waited far too long to resolve. I will continue to work with our local leaders and federal partners to build off the progress we have made and finally give our people an opportunity to exercise their right to self-determination." ***(PR)***

Bridge Capital, MINA clean up Micro Beach

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Bridge Capital LLC and Micronesia Islands Nature Alliance staff poses with the 140 lbs of garbage they collected during a cleanup at Micro Beach Park last Friday.

Bridge Capital, LLC is proud to continue its long-standing partnership with Micronesia Islands Nature Alliance. In addition to adopting the Mt. Tapochau site and sponsoring a trash bin there, Bridge Capital is looking to care for other sites such as the Micro Beach Park.

Bridge Capital staff, led by vice president and chief operating officer Jody Jordahl, VP and chief legal officer Vincent Bidez, and Business Development manager Joe Guerrero, joined MINA staff and volunteers from the MHS Conservation Action Planning Committee to collect over 140 lbs of litter at the Micro Beach Park last Friday afternoon. Bridge Capital is a major sponsor of the 2016 Green Gala and encourages other CNMI companies to support MINA and finds ways within their organization to promote and advocate for the conservation, protection, and restoration of our natural resources in the Northern Mariana Islands. ***(PR)***

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How BSI's CSR team defines employee, community engagement

As Best Sunshine International, Ltd. continues to reach out and collaborate with the community, its outreach arm—the Corporate Social Responsibility team—is defining what building relationship means.

Its Corporate Social Responsibility work has also become an avenue for employees to give back, and is equally important to morale and builds a collaborative and inspired team.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Working together to build new careers in the service of community and social change, from left, BSI Community Social Responsibility team staff Nathan Ada, Dori Camacho, Jia Kapileo, and Gregorio Sablan.

Making music and making social impact

Nathan Hofschneider Ada, a CSR representative, remarks how he is not only able to share his passion for music with his friends and family, but also, how he is able to incorporate music into his efforts towards community outreach.

A talented musician and an extremely driven worker, Ada also enjoys giving back to the community whether through self-initiated projects or working alongside his CSR department's weekly outreach projects. Ada always tries to take it upon himself to help the islands following the devastation brought by Typhoon Soudelor.

"I did some self-initiated volunteering after Typhoon Soudelor," explained Ada. "A friend and I went around the island handing out canned goods and plates of rice. We tried to go to every household throughout different villages."

For most of his life, Ada grew up on the island of Tinian and shortly after high school, he decided to move to Saipan with his father and his family. His pursuit to find a job that would fit his interest started and over time, he was offered a job at Best Sunshine to work with the CSR team.

Now with CSR, it reminds him of the time spent growing up on Tinian.

"The reason why I really enjoy CSR is because I grew up in Tinian and a lot of the things I used to do every day growing up is similar to what we do in our department," he said. "For example, we did a lot of cleaning and beautifying the island. The CSR team also does a lot of repairing and restoring and it really reminds me of the times we would repaint my grandma's house on her birthday."

What he truly appreciates about working for Best Sunshine is his ability to incorporate his passion for music into different outreach projects that the CSR team participates in. You can find him front and center at events strumming along to his guitar and singing a pleasant-sounding tune for the villagers at CSR's weekly Village Pride events.

He added, "The best thing about my job is being able to incorporate my passion for music into my work. I had to put a pause on my music for a while because of Typhoon Soudelor and it wasn't until I started working for Best Sunshine that I was able to really showcase my music again. I really appreciate that as a local producer of music, Best Sunshine has given me a chance to sing and play again. I get to perform for a lot of our events such Village Pride, at street market, and the Aging Center. I even get to perform for my coworkers on their lunch breaks, too."

Furthermore, Ada shares how he was able to learn so much in a short amount of time. Whether it be learning new skills while on the field or understanding the fundamentals of working in an office, Ada feels extremely fortunate to have this opportunity to not only work in a department that he enjoys, but with a team who share the same goals as he does.

"I can definitely foresee how a lot of what I'm learning here at Best Sunshine will help me in the future," stated Ada. "Even though I'm working with a team that has so many different personalities, we are able to really get the job done when it's time to come together and complete our projects. They really taught me that working together is better than working alone. My team is very dependable and we are always learning new things from each other."

He adds, "It's great to know that people have stability with this job and they're able to provide for themselves and their families. I also love the fact that Best Sunshine is helping the community. I'm really grateful to be working for Best Sunshine because I'm able to give back, and see people appreciate what we do. Whenever I see someone smiling at our efforts, it makes me smile. Best Sunshine has given self-driven individuals a chance to work with its community projects and also a chance to showcase my music, meet new and great people and build a family bond."

Blossoming and taking charge

Another young member of BSI's Corporate Social Responsibility team is 20-year-old representative Julia "Jia" Kapileo.

Hers is a story about making a choice.

"I finally and thankfully broke out of my shell when I started working for the CSR department of Best Sunshine. I was always shy and I was never this outgoing and expressive. Although it might not be considered a huge change for most people, I blossomed into a new confident person and discovered that finally being comfortable with speaking my mind is one of my biggest accomplishments," explained Kapileo. "Now that I've done community work and gotten to know so many people, I have gained the self-reliance and determination I didn't have before; it's easier for me to be myself."

Kapileo started at BSI on November 2015 as her first job, after making the difficult choice of setting school aside for a while. She is glad she made the decision because she is now one of the breadwinners of her household of three siblings, her parents, and herself.

"I'm proud to say that I'm now one of the providers for my family. Even if my family doesn't want me to and hesitant about giving me that responsibility, I personally took the initiative to work hard because I feel that I owe it to them. I want to take charge," explains Kapileo.

Naturally endowed with the passion of giving back to the people she deeply cares about—her community, Kapileo enjoys her work and is determined to contribute to the future wellbeing of the islands. From getting her hands dirty to just simply spreading the message of keeping the environment clean, Kapileo lives for it.

"As a community outreach group, CSR make a lot of significant improvements around the island and we try to give back as much as we can," she said. "I really appreciate Best Sunshine having a CSR department because it is a reflection of a big company showing that they're not only thinking about themselves, but they're also thinking about the community. This job not only allows me to give back to my family, but also to the community as a whole," she acknowledged.

"I'd like to thank BSI for providing me this experience and for helping me break out of my shell. I am definitely glad to be given this opportunity, and I am proud to be a part of this dynamic team."

'Dorea Don't Worry'

Being a mother and at the same time working as a CSR team member is a tough juggling work for Dorea Ann Camacho. While it sounds like a lot to handle, what it actually meant for her is working for BSI gives her assurance that her kids are well taken cared of.

She is goal-oriented and has the right mindset to tackle whatever task is laid before her. Her nickname at work is "Dorea-Don't-Worry," and with good reason; that's because her personal work philosophy is "it is what it is, just go with the flow." Camacho truly believes in living a well-balanced life.

Camacho's worry-free mindset can also be attributed to her passion for her job.

"I love the job that we do because it involves giving back to the community, and it's a job I'm very proud to do," said Camacho. "When we worked on Village Pride in Tanapag, it was especially rewarding for me because I was giving back to my village."

When asked about her accomplishments, Camacho shares that being strong and successful for her kids is one of her greatest accomplishments.

"I have a good job and my kids are well taken care of. I was also able to buy a car for my family," states Camacho. "I'm just very happy and very proud of who I am right now. With everything I've been through in the past, I can say that right now, I'm at my highest point. I want to go even higher, and I'm getting there."

For her, the biggest impact in her life brought about by being employed at Best Sunshine is it has helped her considerably become successful.

"My family is very proud of what I do and what BSI has done for the community so far," explains Camacho. "Over the weekend I was with my family, and they were saying that they are very proud of me. Just hearing my family say that feels so good."

Another aspect of being a CSR representative that Camacho appreciates are the relationships she has developed with the people she works with. She has made connections with everybody in the team but particularly became really good friends with Frances Tudela, also a CSR representative, while working for the company.

"I didn't know Frances until we both on-boarded with Best Sunshine, and afterwards we became really close. Interestingly, I even found out she's my auntie," Camacho stated.

"Thank you to Best Sunshine for the opportunity to grow and to give back to the community. I truly appreciate being a part of this company and I wish it all the best."

The outdoor office

Truly the class clown among his coworkers, 18-year-old CSR representative Gregorio Sablan shares his story about not only being able to expand his skills in the work field, but also, be a part of the beautification process in the CNMI. A recent graduate from Mount Carmel School in 2015, Sablan has been working at BSI since December of last year.

When asked about his current impression of the company, Sablan stated, "So far, so good. I expected a completely different objective of what I'd be doing in the company, but eventually it actually worked out in my favor."

Working with BSI involves a lot of outdoor work, which is convenient for Gregorio who would prefer working outdoors instead of in an office.

Active in the field of athletic sports, it's no surprise that Sablan prefers working in the open air. Some of his past accomplishments include playing soccer internationally in Thailand and the Philippines. While in the Philippines, he learned a little bit of the language and was even invited to attend school there. Over time, he hopes to attend college in Maine to pursue a degree in criminal justice and be reunited with his mom who relocated there to run her own business.

Working at Best Sunshine has provided Sablan with an opportunity to give back to the community, and he has acquired an abundance of new skills along the way.

"I learned so many new skills that will be applicable in practical ways. I didn't know how to put up fences or how to bush cut," explained Sablan. "I taught myself by just picking it up and doing it. I learned a lot of things that would be useful and applicable here in the islands."

Best Sunshine has also helped Sablan establish his interpersonal skills, which is evident in the close working relationship he has amongst his coworkers.

Sablan stated "I would say that one of the perks of working at Best Sunshine is the camaraderie and cooperation with coworkers and the people around me because I've never had a job where we're like a close-knit family. I've never actually been this close to the people I work with and it's a great thing to have this supportive team to work alongside with."

Sablan adds, "I really want to say thank you to Best Sunshine for giving me the opportunity to give back to my community and helping me create and develop stronger interpersonal skills ties with my coworkers." ***(PR)***

Business

US bars Atlantic drilling; Obama building environmental legacy

WASHINGTON (AP)—In a major reversal, the Obama administration said Tuesday it will bar oil drilling off America's Atlantic Coast, a move cheered by environmentalists and consistent with the president's aggressive steps to combat climate change.

Interior Secretary Sally Jewell said the decision "protects the Atlantic for future generations." She said the administration had listened to thousands of people in coastal communities from Florida to New England who said, "Now is not the time to start leasing off the Atlantic Coast."

However, business groups and most Republicans criticized it as another example of what they call executive overreach.

Despite a surge in oil and natural gas production in the past seven years that has helped push gasoline prices below $2 a gallon, Republicans and industry groups have criticized President Barack Obama for imposing what they say are unnecessary regulations on drilling, especially on federal lands. Most of the drilling boom has occurred on state and private lands and in the Gulf of Mexico, long the center of U.S. offshore oil production.

The decision reverses a proposal made last year in which the administration floated a plan that would have opened up a broad swath of the Atlantic Coast to drilling. That January 2015 proposal would have opened up sites more than 50 miles off Virginia, North and South Carolina and Georgia to oil drilling no earlier than 2021.

Obama, in his final year in office, is working to build an environmental legacy that includes a global agreement to curb climate change and an ambitious plan to reduce carbon pollution from coal-fired power plants. He also has imposed stricter limits on smog-causing pollution linked to asthma and has rejected the Keystone XL oil pipeline from Canada.

The proposal on Atlantic drilling is likely to become an issue in the 2016 presidential campaign. Both Democratic candidates oppose it, while Republicans vow to expand drilling.

The plan announced Tuesday covers potential lease sales from 2017 to 2022 and calls for leasing 10 areas in the Gulf and three off the Alaska coast.

CDC guidelines aim to curb painkiller prescribing

WASHINGTON (AP)—Prescription painkillers should not be a first choice for treating common ailments like back pain and arthritis, according to new federal guidelines designed to reshape how doctors prescribe drugs like OxyContin and Vicodin.

Amid an epidemic of addiction and abuse tied to these powerful opioids drugs, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is urging primary care doctors to try physical therapy, exercise and over-the-counter pain medications before turning to painkillers for chronic pain. Opioid drugs include medications like morphine and oxycodone as well as illegal narcotics like heroin.

The new recommendations—which doctors do not have to follow—represent an effort to reverse nearly two decades of rising painkiller use, which public health officials blame for a more than four-fold increase in overdose deaths tied to the drugs. In 2014, U.S. doctors wrote nearly 200 million prescriptions for opioid painkillers, while deaths linked to the drugs climbed to roughly 19,000—the highest number on record.

"We're trying to chart a safer and more effective course for dealing with chronic pain," Dr. Tom Frieden, the CDC's director, said in an interview with the Associated Press. "The risks of addiction and death are very well documented for these medications."

More than 40 Americans die every day from painkiller overdoses, a staggering rate that Frieden said is "doctor driven."

Under the new guidelines, doctors would prescribe painkillers only after considering non-addictive pain relievers, behavioral changes and other options. The CDC also wants doctors to prescribe the lowest effective dose possible. And doctors should only continue prescribing the drugs if patients show significant improvement.

For short-term pain, the CDC recommends limiting opioids to three days of treatment, when possible.

The guidelines do not apply to doctors who specialize in treating severe pain due to cancer and other debilitating diseases.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

China's Li pledges more reform, says debt under control

BEIJING (AP)—Chinese Premier Li Keqiang pledged Wednesday to press ahead with an overhaul of the state-dominated economy and financial markets despite slowing growth, saying the country's rising debt levels are under control. Li's comments at a news conference were the latest installment in a high-level campaign to reassure jittery global markets about the health of the world's second-largest economy following stock market and currency turmoil. Li, the country's top economic official, expressed confidence Beijing can carry out plans to shrink bloated steel and coal industries while still meeting its economic growth target of 6.5 to 7 percent. He promised to make it easier to set up private businesses and said financial markets will be made more market-oriented to support growth.

Instagram says it will show posts in order of 'relevance'

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Instagram users could soon notice something different in their feeds: Instead of showing users the most recent posts first, the mobile photo-sharing app says it will give higher priority to posts that each user is likely to care about most. If that sounds familiar, it's because that's how Facebook decides what to show users of its online social network. Facebook Inc., which owns Instagram, has long used a complex formula to emphasize items it hopes will be "relevant" to each user, based on factors like whether the post came from a close friend or how the user responded to similar posts. Instagram had previously acted more like rival Twitter, showing every post in reverse-chronological order. But as its audience has grown to more than 400 million users, Instagram says it's become harder for users to keep up with the gusher of photos and videos posted by friends and other accounts they follow.

Nation

Clinton sweeps Ohio, Florida; Trump, Kasich split; Rubio out

CLEVELAND (AP)—Hillary Clinton triumphed Tuesday in the Florida, Ohio, North Carolina and Illinois presidential primaries, putting her in a commanding position to become the first woman in U.S. history to win a major-party nomination. Donald Trump strengthened his hand in the Republican race with a big win in Florida but fell in Ohio to that state's governor, John Kasich.

Florida Sen. Marco Rubio ended his once-promising campaign after his devastating home-state loss, so the GOP primary is now down to three candidates: Trump, Kasich and Texas Sen. Ted Cruz.

Trump also picked up wins in North Carolina and Illinois. The billionaire businessman told a victory rally, "This was an amazing night."

Trump is the only Republican candidate with a realistic path to the 1,237 delegates needed to clinch the nomination before the July convention. But his loss in Ohio kept hope alive for mainstream Republicans dismayed by his candidacy and suggesting the real estate mogul can still be stopped in a convention fight.

"The campaign goes on," Kasich declared at a victory rally. Now thrust into the center of a campaign that has been bitingly personal, Kasich vowed to "not take the low road to the highest office in the land."

AP

Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton acknowledges the crowd during an election night event at the Palm Beach County Convention Center in West Palm Beach, Fla., Tuesday, March 15, 2016.

Obama abolishes last major restrictions on US travel to Cuba

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Barack Obama sent an unmistakable message to Americans on Tuesday ahead of his historic trip to Havana: Cuba is open for business.

Punching fresh holes in the generations-old U.S. embargo, Obama's administration removed the last meaningful restrictions on travel, putting a Cuba vacation within reach for millions of Americans over the coming years. The sweeping changes also clear a path for Cuban athletes to one day play Major League Baseball and other professional sports.

Although tourism is still technically off-limits, the ban becomes essentially unenforceable, with Americans permitted to travel on their own with no prior permission. White House officials said there would be "no shortage" of opportunities for Americans to fill the loosely defined requirement that they engage with locals in a bid to further U.S.-Cuban understanding.

"The travel ban is on life support here, because for all intents and purposes, anybody can go," Sen. Jeff Flake, an Arizona Republican who supports Obama's approach, said in an interview. "All these barriers are coming down."

The White House announced the package of changes five days before Obama will embark on the first presidential trip to the communist country in nearly 90 years. The more lenient rules, like the trip itself, aim to further the rapprochement that Obama and Cuban President Raul Castro began more than two years ago.

Among the changes unveiled Tuesday:

- The U.S. eliminated a ban on Cuban access to the international banking system
- Cuba announced that the first direct mail in a half-century would fly from the U.S. to Cuba starting Wednesday
- Cuban citizens can start to earn salaries in the U.S. in most circumstances without immigrating
- Cuban citizens can open U.S. bank accounts and use them to send remittances back home

Ferguson City Council votes to accept DOJ reform deal

FERGUSON, Mo. (AP)—The Ferguson City Council has unanimously agreed to accept a U.S. Justice Department plan to overhaul its embattled police force and municipal court system after a brief attempt to revise the deal led to a federal lawsuit.

Elected leaders in the St. Louis suburb where the fatal police shooting of Michael Brown Jr. helped spark the Black Lives Matter movement voted Tuesday night to approve the DOJ consent decree.

Brown's father, who attended the meeting but didn't speak publicly, shook hands with Ferguson's mayor and several council members after the vote.

The agency and Ferguson reached a tentative agreement in late January after months of negotiations, but the council rejected the plan in February over cost concerns, prompting the Justice Department to sue the next day.

The lawsuit remains pending as a federal judge must still approve the preliminary agreement.

Vanita Gupta, head of the department's Civil Rights Division, said in a statement that Ferguson "took an important step towards guaranteeing all of its citizens the protections of our Constitution."

Assurances from Gupta that the city won't be required to provide its police officers with pay raises—a provision they feared could bankrupt Ferguson—led to the consent decree's tentative approval at a meeting one week ago.

A city analysis had indicated implementation costs could approach $4 million in the first year alone. That led the Ferguson council to propose amending the agreement in February with seven provisions aimed mostly at keeping costs in check.

Asia

Rapid melt of NZ glaciers ends hikes onto them

FRANZ JOSEF GLACIER, New Zealand (AP)—New Zealand is renowned for its wondrous scenery, and among the country's top tourist attractions are two glaciers that are both stunning and unusual because they snake down from the mountains to a temperate rain forest, making them easy for people to walk up to and view.

But the Fox and Franz Josef glaciers have been melting at such a rapid rate that it has become too dangerous for tourists to hike onto them from the valley floor, ending a tradition that dates back a century. With continuing warm weather this year there are no signs of a turnaround, and scientists say it is another example of how global warming is impacting the environment.

Tourism in New Zealand is booming and nearly 1 million people last year flocked to get a glimpse of the glaciers and the spectacular valleys they've carved. But the only way to set foot on them now is to get flown onto them by helicopter.

Tour operators offer flights and guided glacier walks, although logistics limit this to 80,000 tourists per year, half the number that once hiked up from the valley floor. Up to another 150,000 people each year take scenic flights that land briefly at the top of the glaciers.

Flying in the UNESCO World Heritage area comes with its own risks, highlighted in November when a sightseeing helicopter crashed onto the Fox Glacier, killing all seven aboard.

Sitting near the base of the Franz Josef Glacier, Wayne Costello, a district operations manager for the Department of Conservation, said that when he arrived eight years ago, the rock he was perched on would have been buried under tons of ice. Instead, the glacier now comes to an end a half-mile (800 meters) further up the valley.

"Like a loaf of bread shrinking in its tin, it's gone down a lot as well," Costello said. "So it's wasted away in terms of its thickness, and that's led to quite a rapid melt."

Because of that melt, the valley walls that were once braced by the glaciers have been left exposed and vulnerable to rock falls, making hiking up too dangerous. Tour operators stopped taking guided hikes onto the Franz Josef in 2012 and the nearby Fox in 2014.

A 2014 paper published in the journal Global and Planetary Change concluded the two glaciers have each melted by 3 kilometers (1.9 miles) in length since the 1800s, making them about 20 percent shorter. The glaciers have recently been melting at a faster pace than ever previously recorded, the authors said.

Afghan president: IS group is 'on the run' in Afghanistan

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP)—Afghanistan's president said Tuesday that Islamic State militants are "on the run" following a massive military operation that included elite commando units in remote districts on the border with Pakistan.

Ashraf Ghani attributed the success in dislodging IS loyalists to ground operations, close air support and the participation of retired commanders who had joined the commandos in taking on the extremists in the eastern Nangarhar province.

The local IS affiliate is mainly made up of former Taliban fighters disillusioned by the group's failure to overthrow the government despite a 15-year insurgency. Over the past six months IS had battled the Taliban in Nangarhar and gained a foothold in the region.

The region's proximity to the porous border, along with its steep valleys, provides protection for insurgents and allows them to smuggle fighters, weapons, poppies and other contraband.

Afghanistan's overwhelmed security forces initially held back, content to see the insurgents fighting among themselves. Once winter set in up north and fighting stopped, the Afghan forces began to concentrate their efforts on the warmer southern regions like Nangarhar, which did not see any seasonal slowdown in violence.

"I promised the people of Nangarhar that no quarter would be given to Daesh, and none has been given," Ghani said, using an alternative name for the Islamic State group. "In Nangarhar, Daesh is on the run."

Ghani spoke at a joint press conference with the Secretary General of NATO, Jens Stoltenberg, who is visiting Afghanistan for two days. Stoltenberg pledged further support to Afghan forces, emphasizing funding ahead of a NATO summit in the Polish capital Warsaw in July.

NATO and the United States officially concluded their combat mission at the end of 2014, but still maintain some 13,000 troops in Afghanistan, mostly engaged in training and support for Afghan forces. They also maintain an anti-terrorism mandate against the Taliban, al-Qaida and IS.

ASIAN BRIEFS

Australia: Debris on French island unlikely to be from MH370

SYDNEY (AP)—Australian officials say a piece of debris recently found on an Indian Ocean island where a wing fragment from Malaysia Airlines Flight 370 had previously washed ashore is unlikely to be from the missing plane. The piece was discovered earlier this month on French-governed Reunion Island by Johnny Begue. Begue had found a wing part on Reunion in July that came from Flight 370, which disappeared in March 2014. The Australian Transport Safety Bureau said Wednesday that French authorities examining the latest piece have determined that it's unlikely to be from the missing Boeing 777. The wing fragment found in July remains the only confirmed debris from Flight 370. Two other pieces of debris that washed ashore in Mozambique have yet to be examined by investigators.

North Korea sentences US tourist to 15 years in prison

PYONGYANG, North Korea (AP)—North Korea's highest court has sentenced an American tourist who allegedly attempted to steal a propaganda banner from a restricted area of his hotel to 15 years of hard labor in prison. Otto Warmbier, a 21-year-old University of Virginia undergraduate student, was convicted and sentenced in a one-hour trial Wednesday morning at the North's Supreme Court. He was charged with subversion.

No further details were immediately available. Warmbier was arrested in early January as he tried to leave the country after visiting as a tourist with a New Year's tour group. In a statement made before his trial, he told a gathering of reporters in Pyongyang he wanted the banner "as a trophy" for the mother of a friend.

World

Moscow's drawdown in Syria sends strong message to Assad

AP

In this Friday, March 4, 2016 file photo, Russian fighter jets and bombers are parked at Hemeimeem air base in Syria. Russian warplanes have mostly stayed on the ground since the Russian- and U.S.-brokered cease-fire has begun last weekend.

BEIRUT (AP)—Russia's plan to withdraw forces from Syria is sending a strong message to President Bashar Assad, whose hardline stance is diverging from Moscow's interest in declaring its intervention in the country a success while also accelerating peace efforts.

Having dramatically turned the tide of war in Assad's favor with five months of intense bombardment of his foes, President Vladimir Putin is pressuring the Syrian leader to engage them in more meaningful dialogue in talks that have begun in Geneva.

"There was an overlap in interests in the last few months. Now they (the Russians) are telling Assad, 'this is where we start to diverge, and you've got to step up to your responsibilities, you can't rely on us forever,'" said Maha Yahya, acting director of the Carnegie Middle East Center.

With an announcement that appeared to take even senior Russian commanders by surprise, Putin ordered most of the estimated 3,000 to 6,000 personnel to begin withdrawing from Syria on Tuesday, a step that raised hopes for progress at newly reconvened U.N.-brokered peace talks in Geneva.

At a televised meeting Monday with his foreign and defense ministers, Putin said Moscow's intervention had fulfilled its objectives by allowing Assad's military to "radically" turn the tide of war. He added that the move should help serve as a stimulus for Syria's political talks.

Russia deployed its air force to Syria in September to prop up Assad's faltering military, which has been waging a five-year war against internal opponents and jihadist militants. Although its stated goal was to fight Islamic State militants and other terrorists, much of the Russian campaign has targeted mainstream rebels and helped eject them from core areas considered strategic for Assad's survival, thereby safeguarding Moscow's interests in the country.

Senior IS commander dies of wounds from US strike in Syria

BAGHDAD (AP)—Omar al-Shishani, a top Islamic State commander who was a magnet for fighters from the former Soviet Union, has died of wounds suffered in a U.S. airstrike in Syria, a senior Iraqi intelligence official and the head of a Syrian activist group said Tuesday.

Al-Shishani, who was wounded in a U.S. airstrike earlier this month, died on Monday evening outside the Islamic State group's main stronghold of Raqqa in Syria, the two told The Associated Press. A U.S. military spokesman confirmed the reports.

The IS-affiliated Aamaq news agency cited an unnamed source as denying that al-Shishani was wounded or killed, without providing any evidence that he was still alive.

The red-bearded al-Shishani, who was in his 30s, was one of the most prominent IS commanders, appearing in several online videos leading fighters into battle. He served as the top commander in Syria before being appointed to lead three elite units that carried out special missions in Syria and Iraq, according to Hisham al-Hashimi, an Iraqi scholar who closely follows the group.

Al-Shishani, whose real name was Tarkhan Batirashvili, was born in the Pankisi Valley, a predominantly ethnic Chechen region within the former Soviet republic of Georgia.

He did military service in the Georgian army but was discharged after an unspecified illness, a former neighbor told The Associated Press in 2014. Georgian police later arrested him for illegal possession of arms, the neighbor said. Upon his release in 2010, Batirashvili left for Turkey.

Turkey IDs Ankara bomber as PKK rebel who trained in Syria

ANKARA, Turkey (AP)—Turkey on Tuesday identified the attacker who carried out a deadly suicide bombing in Ankara as a 24-year-old woman who allegedly became a Kurdish rebel in 2013 and had trained in Syria.

An Interior Ministry statement identified the suicide car bomber blamed for killing 37 people, including herself, on Sunday as Seher Cagla Demir. A possible male accomplice, who was also killed, has not yet been identified.

The statement said Demir joined the outlawed Kurdistan Workers' Party, or PKK, then crossed into Syria and received what it called "terror training" from an allied Syrian Kurdish militia.

Turkey considers the Syrian Kurdish militia—known as the People's Protection Units, or YPG—as a terror organization because of its affiliation with the PKK and has been pressing the United States to stop helping the group. Washington considers the PKK a terrorist organization but has backed the YPG, which has been effective in fighting the Islamic State group.

Turkey had blamed the Syrian Kurdish militia force for a Feb. 17 bombing in Ankara that killed 29 people, saying the group had acted in concert with the PKK. But a Turkey-based Kurdish militant group that is an off-shoot of the PKK later claimed that attack.

No group has yet claimed Sunday's attack in the capital.

The attack escalated tensions with the Kurds and further complicated Turkey's place in the region as it battles a host of enemies across its borders including the Syrian government, Kurdish rebels in both Iraq and Syria, and the Islamic State group.

Environment

DON'T WASTE THE MONEY:

Key climate experts skeptical of forecasts

By MERRILL MATTHEWS
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Many coastal city officials are considering spending millions—in some cases billions—of taxpayer dollars preparing for an impending flood caused by rising sea levels.

For example, in 2013, New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg announced a $20 billion, 20-year plan to protect the city from rising sea levels.

The concerns are being driven in part by recent studies predicting the coming floods, such as two new reports that claim that seas are rising faster than at any other point in the last 28 centuries. They contend that if human-caused carbon emissions continue at the current rate, the oceans could rise by as much as 4 feet by 2100.

That conclusion is tame compared to a 2015 study by NASA's former lead climate scientist, James Hansen, and others, who boldly predicted that sea levels could rise by at least 10 feet in 50 years.

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But notice there's a 500 percent variance between the two predictions if we extrapolate so that both use the same end point. Given all the other important public policy challenges facing cities, such as providing good public education, safe communities and infrastructure improvements, shouldn't city officials demand a little more scientific consensus on the magnitude of the threat?

They won't get it.

And the reason is that such claims are not based on observed scientific data, but manmade computer models, which have overpredicted climate warming for decades.

For example, John Christy of the University of Alabama at Huntsville and the state's climatologist, stated in congressional testimony that climate models have predicted 2.5 times more global warming than has actually been observed by satellites and weather balloons.

And Roy Spenser, a former senior scientist for climate studies at NASA's Marshall Space Flight Center, notes that 95 percent of the climate models have overpredicted actual warming.

It's like believing Uncle Harry's frequent predictions of an imminent global economic collapse, not because he's ever been right, but because he's wrongly predicted it so often.

Yes, sea levels are rising, and have been since the end of the Ice Age some 11,700 years ago. But the observed sea level rise averages between eight and 10 inches over 100 years _ which is a long way from 4 feet, not to mention 10.

The fact is that climate models are astonishingly unreliable, as even many climate scientists who support modeling concede.

As Mark Maslin and Patrick Austin, climate scientists at University College London, explained in the journal Nature in 2012: "Why do models have a limited capability to predict the future? First of all, they are not reality. This is perhaps an obvious point, but it is regularly ignored. By their very nature, models cannot capture all of the factors involved in a natural system, and those that they do capture are often incompletely understood."

And remember, these are climate-model defenders.

Don't misunderstand me: Rising sea levels can pose a threat to humans and property, as Hurricane Sandy amply demonstrated. Coastal city officials should be weighing the risks and costs of an effective response. But the public policy challenge is to accurately assess the nature and seriousness of the threat and act accordingly.

With respect to sea levels, the current threat comes primarily from humans moving closer to the sea, rather than the sea moving closer to humans.

People are willing to pay big bucks to live right on the ocean; but that means damage totals _ in lives and money _ can rise significantly during major storms and sea surges.

If past observed sea level trends continue, the ocean certainly could pose a significant threat to humans and property _ in several hundred years. Is that worth spending billions of dollars now, when there are so many other important city priorities?

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Death Announcement

†*Edward Manglona Atalig*

(January 16, 1946 – March 13, 2016)

Pre-Deceased by:
Parents: † Pedro Camacho Atalig & †Emilia Reyes Manglona Atalig
Parents In-Law: † Francisco "Imaal" Pialur Kapileo & †Agatha "Leighamal" Itibus Kapileo
Brother: † Martin Manglona Atalig
Siblings In-law: † Pedro "MBoat" Itibus Kapileo, † Saturnino "Lingko" Itibus Kapileo, †Victoria Itibus Kapileo

Survived by:
Wife: Concepcion Itibus Kapileo Atalig
Children: **Francisco "Tikko"** /Patricia Peter Kapileo (Frank/Catherine & children, Keolani /George Fleming III & Children, Kody, Kyler)
Rosalia "Lily"/Alex Urumelog Igisaiar (Oliver, Kelvin/Bertha Sablan & Children, Krystine Joy)
Juan Edward/Veronica Cepeda Camacho (Nathan, Joven Troy, Rosonnie Lynn)
Arnold Lee Kapileo Atalig
Wayne/Tricia Tudela Atalig (Phillip Joseph, Enya Jean "Leiwi", Eddie Joe, Wyatt)
Claudine/Paul "Pwoch" Kaipat Fitial (Leodine/Shane & Sophia)
Emily/Jeffrey Iguel Teigita (Oceana, Issa, Ernie Jay & Loriana)
Aloysius/Melonie Sablan Atalig (Timothy, Nikkolyn, Natty, Tyron, Trinicia, Berlanie, Kuki & Kioni)
Alvin/Dorian Masters Atalig (Lomei, Leah, Tasi, Madison, Aspen & Riley)
Francis "Ponko"/Carolyn Blaz Atalig (Ponko, AJ, Kodyn)
Robert/Grace Atalig (Raizel)

Brothers/Sisters: Fermin & Kinai Atalig, **Celia** & Jack Tudela, **Herbie** Atalig, **Herman**/Roselyn Atalig, †**Martin**/†Frances Atalig, **Bobbie**/Brian Garrett, **Bernie**/Bert Lingaolingao, **Lupe** Kirchner, **Efraim** /Linda Atalig, **Sabina**/Frank Igisaiar, **Joe**/Liz Atalig

In-Laws: †**Pedro**/†Catalina Kapileo, †**Saturnino**/†Ines Kapileo, **Simon**/Christine Kapileo, †**Victoria** Kapileo/†**Kikkuo** Ketebengang, **Ramon**/Josepha Kapileo

Daily mass is being offered every morning at 6am at the Cathedral and 6pm at San Jose Parish (March 15-18 2016). Mass at the San Jose Church on March 19-30 will be at 6am. Rosary is being said nightly at 7:30 at Lily & Alex Igisaiar's residence in Yungga Pl, Chalan Lau Lau (located north of the Mormon Church on Middle Road).

Our beloved Edward was called to his eternal rest in Oregon and details of his arrival will be announced in the near future.

We the family, of our beloved Edward, extend our most sincere gratitude for your outpouring love and many prayers in these times of sorrow.

Life & Style

Steve Harvey's kids show is a hit for NBC

AP
In this June 16, 2013 file photo, Steve Harvey speaks on stage at the 40th Annual Daytime Emmy Awards in Beverly Hills, Calif.

NEW YORK (AP)—As news channels filled with pictures from the increasingly boisterous presidential campaign, broadcast viewers turned to the feel-good pairing of Steve Harvey with precocious kids.

NBC's new series, "Little Big Shots," led the network to a ratings victory during its first week on the air, the Nielsen company said. The comic Harvey is the host as talented youngsters—a 6-year-old spelling champ, a 4-year-old basketball phenom, a 6-year-old choir conductor—display their abilities.

The second episode of the series to air last week, on Sunday night, was the most-watched program on television with 15 million people. NBC premiered the show Tuesday night after "The Voice," and it reached 12.8 million viewers.

A repeat of that first show aired Sunday and also finished in Nielsen's top 20.

NBC averaged 7.3 million viewers in prime time last week. CBS was second with 6.5 million, ABC had 4.7 million, Fox had 3.4 million, Univision had 1.8 million, ION Television had 1.3 million and the CW and Telemundo tied with 1.1 million.

Airing wall-to-wall campaign coverage, two news channels were the top-rated cable networks last week. CNN averaged 2.97 million viewers, Fox News had 2.41 million, HGTV had 1.76 million, AMC had 1.73 million and TBS had 1.72 million.

NBC's "Nightly News" topped the evening newscasts with an average of 8.74 million viewers. ABC's "World News Tonight" was second with 8.67 million and the "CBS Evening News" had 7.4 million viewers.

For the week of March 7-13, the top 10 shows, their networks and viewerships: "Little Big Shots" (Sunday, 8 p.m.), NBC, 15 million; "The Big Bang Theory," CBS, 14.7 million; "The Voice" (Tuesday), NBC, 13.54 million; "The Voice" (Monday), NBC, 13.45 million; "Little Big Shots" (Tuesday), NBC, 12.81 million; "The Walking Dead," AMC, 12.53 million; Republican Presidential Debate, CNN, 11.81 million; "Blue Bloods," CBS, 9.83 million; "Survivor," CBS, 9.27 million; "The Voice" (Wednesday), NBC, 9.19 million.

Pennsylvania man to admit stealing stars' nude images

LOS ANGELES (AP)—A Pennsylvania man has agreed to plead guilty to hacking into the email and online accounts of several female celebrities and stealing private information, including nude photos and videos, federal prosecutors announced Tuesday.

Ryan Collins, 36, is accused of gaining access to more than 100 Google and Apple accounts, many belonging to famous women, between November 2012 and September 2014.

The Lancaster, Pennsylvania, man agreed to plead guilty to one count of gaining unauthorized access to a protected computer to obtain information, the U.S. Attorney's Office said.

Collins used a scheme called phishing in which he was able to get victims to provide information about their accounts in response to emails that appeared to come directly from Apple and Google, according to prosecutors. In some instances, he was able to obtain all the files his victims had stored online, including nude photos and videos.

No celebrities are identified in a plea agreement filed Tuesday. There is no evidence Collins posted any of the pilfered images online, the U.S. Attorney's Office stated.

Collins was charged as part of an investigation into the posting of nude photos of numerous celebrities, including Jennifer Lawrence and model Kate Upton, but he is not suspected of being involved in releasing those images, a news release stated.

Attorney information for Collins was not immediately available.

An investigation into who stole and posted images of Lawrence and dozens of other female stars is ongoing.

In February, an Oregon man agreed to plead guilty to stealing nude or explicit images from 13 people, including some unidentified celebrities. Andrew Helton of Astoria, Oregon, faces up to five years in prison when he is sentenced June 2.

Film academy adds minority leadership; apologizes to Asians

LOS ANGELES (AP)—The Academy of Motion Pictures Arts and Sciences has added three new governors to its 51-member board and appointed six minority members to other leadership positions in its latest response to the OscarsSoWhite diversity crisis. The academy also apologized to Asians for a racially insensitive skit during last month's Oscar show.

Academy president Cheryl Boone Isaacs announced the new appointees late Tuesday after a meeting of the organization's Board of Governors. The board also ratified other changes proposed in January aimed at increasing diversity within the academy's ranks, including limiting Oscar voting rights to those active in the movie business.

Boone Isaacs said in a statement that she's proud of those efforts. "However, we know there is more to do as we move forward to make this a more inclusive organization," she said.

New committee members include actor Gael Garcia Bernal, cinematographer Amy Vincent and producer Effie Brown. The new governors are writer Gregory Nava ("Frida"), director Jennifer Yuh Nelson ("Kung-Fu Panda") and Reginald Hudlin, who produced the most recent Academy Awards.

Hosted by Chris Rock, the show dipped to an eight-year ratings low and offended at least two dozen Asian academy members with skits that played on Asian stereotypes.

Earlier Tuesday, the academy released a statement saying it "regrets that any aspect of the Oscar telecast was offensive."

Jagger jokes about Penn-Chapo story as Stones rock Mexico

MEXICO CITY (AP)—The Rolling Stones made a triumphant return to Mexico a decade after they last performed in the country, delighting a crowd of about 60,000 fans who packed a sports stadium in the capital.

Mick Jagger celebrated Monday night's concert by poking fun at actor Sean Penn, whose secret interview with Joaquin "El Chapo" Guzman while the convicted drug lord was a fugitive from justice has provoked controversy in Mexico.

"Sean Penn came to interview me at the hotel, but I escaped," the British band's frontman said to cheers and roars of laughter.

Penn's article was published by Rolling Stone magazine in January a day after Guzman, the head of the Sinaloa drug cartel, was recaptured by Mexican authorities following his second brazen prison escape months earlier.

Speaking in a heavily accented but charming Spanish, Jagger said the Stones were "having a great time in Mexico" and expressed fondness for the city's iconic Zocalo, or main square, for "lucha libre" wrestling and for the ancient pyramid ruins of Teotihuacan outside the capital.

"It has been 10 years since we last came to Mexico," Jagger said. "It's cool to be back."

He also joked that the band enjoyed drinking tequila but now they prefer mezcal, another agave-based spirit which is known for its smoky flavor.

Performing beneath three huge video screens at the Foro Sol arena, the band kicked off the show with the classic "Start Me Up."

"Hola Mexico! Hola guey!" Jagger exclaimed, employing a uniquely Mexican slang word that roughly translates as "dude," before launching into "Tumbling Dice."

AP
Mick Jagger performs during the Rolling Stones' Ole Tour at Foro Sol in Mexico City, Monday, March 14, 2016.

Police: Guns, drugs seized at home of 'Pawn Stars' character

LAS VEGAS (AP)—Police seized a small arsenal of guns, a gallon plastic bag containing marijuana, multiple doses of anxiety medication and a small amount of methamphetamine at the home of the "Pawn Stars" character "Chumlee," according to an arrest report made public Tuesday.

Attorneys for Austin Lee Russell declined to comment on the report, saying they'll do their talking about the case in a courtroom, not the media.

"We will be analyzing what was allegedly found and whether the alleged seizure was lawful," attorneys David Chesnoff and Richard Schonfeld said in an email statement. They said they looked forward to a just resolution of the case.

A spokesman for A&E Network and the History Channel declined by email to comment.

Russell was arrested March 9 on suspicion of 20 felonies, including drug-possession and possession of a firearm by a person using or under the influence of a controlled substance.

No charges have been filed thus far. Russell posted $62,000 bail and was freed from jail pending a May 23 court date.

Police said they went to Russell's home in Las Vegas to serve a warrant in an investigation of a woman's March 3 sexual assault complaint. Russell wasn't arrested on a sex-crime allegation. Police said that investigation is ongoing.

AP
This Clark County Detention Center photo, provided by the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department, shows Austin Lee Russell, 33, of Las Vegas, on Wednesday, March 9, 2016.

'Indiana Jones' to return with Ford and Spielberg

NEW YORK (AP)—"Indiana Jones" is swinging back into theaters with Harrison Ford reprising the iconic role and Steven Spielberg directing.

The Walt Disney Co. announced Tuesday that the fifth film in the action adventure series will open July 19, 2019. The last "Indiana Jones" movie was 2008's poorly received "Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull," which co-starred Shia LaBeouf as Indiana's son. It followed a nearly 20-year gap in the franchise after 1989's "Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade."

Ford

Another "Indiana Jones" film has long been rumored, occasionally with whispers of different actors taking over the role from the 73-year-old Ford. But Spielberg has repeatedly insisted Ford would never be replaced. The actor's return as his famous fedora-wearing archaeologist comes shortly after reprising his equally iconic Han Solo in "Star Wars: The Force Awakens."

"Indiana Jones is one of the greatest heroes in cinematic history, and we can't wait to bring him back to the screen in 2019," said Alan Horn, chairman of the Walt Disney Studios. "It's rare to have such a perfect combination of director, producers, actor and role, and we couldn't be more excited to embark on this adventure with Harrison and Steven."

The film, not yet titled, will be produced by Kathleen Kennedy and Frank Marshall.

Keyboardist Keith Emerson's death ruled a suicide

LOS ANGELES (AP)—A coroner's official says the death of keyboardist Keith Emerson, co-founder of the seminal progressive rock group Emerson, Lake and Palmer, has been ruled a suicide.

Los Angeles coroner's spokesman Ed Winter said Tuesday the determination was made after an autopsy showed Emerson shot himself in the head. He says there were also signs the 71-year-old man had a heart condition.

Emerson's body was found early Friday by his longtime partner.

Authorities suspected Emerson shot himself but the determination did not become official until after the autopsy.

Madonna plays off drunk rumors in Instagram post

NEW YORK (AP)—Madonna says she would never perform at a concert "high or drunk" in an Instagram post early Tuesday.

The pop star played off the reported rumors that she appeared drunk onstage during her current world tour. She wrote "too bad people don't know the art of acting and playing a character."

During Madonna's live set, she plays a character who drinks a shot onstage.

She wrote the post in response to a fan who was defending her on Instagram. She told the fan "thanks for supporting me."

AP
In this Feb. 20, 2016 file photo, Madonna performs during the Rebel Heart World Tour in Macau, China.

Madonna called the claims she was drunk sexist. She wrote: "Sexism is alive and kicking but i am #livingforlove."

Grandson of TV's Miss Sweetie Pie gunned down in St. Louis

ST. LOUIS (AP)—A 21-year-old Missouri man whose grandmother is the star of a St. Louis-based TV show is dead after being shot by an unknown person.

St. Louis police say they found Andre Montgomery dead at a home Monday night. A second man was taken to a hospital in critical condition with gunshot wounds.

Police say that after someone shot Montgomery, the second man ran upstairs to help him. A third man who was in the home saw the second man carrying a gun and shot that man because he feared for his safety.

Montgomery is the grandson of Robbie Montgomery, also known as Miss Robbie, who stars in "Welcome to Sweetie Pie's" on the Oprah Winfrey Network.

Network President Sheri Salata on Tuesday expressed the network's condolences to Montgomery's family.

Wife has doubts about man donating sperm to his brother

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I have a 19-month-old son and plan on trying for another baby soon. My husband's brother, who is sterile, called and asked my husband to donate sperm to him. I am very upset because my husband refuses to ask his brother to make any kind of compromises to protect our family and theirs, such as counseling to resolve any issues ahead of time.

Before we were serious about each other, my husband donated to his brother's first wife. His brother wanted to keep it a secret from everyone—including the children—but his wife told all of her friends.

What should I do? My husband is afraid he's going to lose his brother if he doesn't give him everything he wants, but the person he is really going to lose is me.

CONFUSED IN THE SOUTH

DEAR CONFUSED: I hope you won't let your husband's generous impulses have a negative impact on your marriage. I agree that counseling could help to head off future problems that might crop up—IF your husband and his brother would agree to it. But while you're at it, this should also be discussed with a lawyer just in case your brother-in-law's second marriage goes south, too.

As to keeping all of this a secret—because wife No. 1 has made public the fact that the children aren't biologically his, the chances of the information being kept secret are slim to none.

DEAR ABBY: Since the lottery for the big jackpot was in the news, my co-workers and I have discussed the etiquette regarding sharing the winnings with whomever may have given you the ticket. For instance, if somebody has an uncle who gives lottery tickets as a gift on birthdays or holidays as opposed to a standard gift, and the recipient hits the winning numbers, is there a fixed percentage that's customary to give?

None of us is actually in this situation; it just became part of our discussion. Thanks for your input.

OFFICE HOT TOPIC

DEAR HOT TOPIC: Once a gift is given, it belongs to the recipient. The recipient would be under no obligation to share the winnings with the person who gifted him or her with the ticket, nor should it be expected. However, if the gift giver does expect a percentage, then this should be worked out before the drawing.

DEAR ABBY: I'm 15 and I'm a lesbian. I've told my friends, but they don't accept me. They say they do, but when I talk about other girls, they say, "Don't talk about girls around us. We're not gay!" I don't know what to do. Please help.

LGBT IN GEORGIA

DEAR LGBT: Your friends probably do accept you, but would prefer not to hear all the details you feel the need to share. It's time you find a youth group for gay teenagers. Go online, visit lgbtcenters.org and search for the nearest gay and lesbian community center in your area. If you do, you will see that the support you are looking for isn't hard to find. I wish you luck.

TO MY READERS: Today's the day for wearing something green! A very happy St. Patrick's Day to you all. -- LOVE, ABBY

What teens need to know about sex, drugs, AIDS and getting along with peers and parents is in "What Every Teen Should Know." Send your name and mailing address, plus check or money order for $7 (U.S. funds) to: Dear Abby, Teen Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Shipping and handling are included in the price.)

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Calvin and Hobbes

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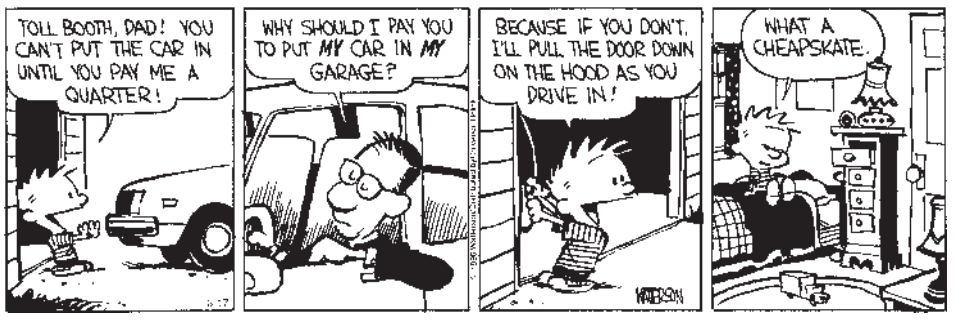
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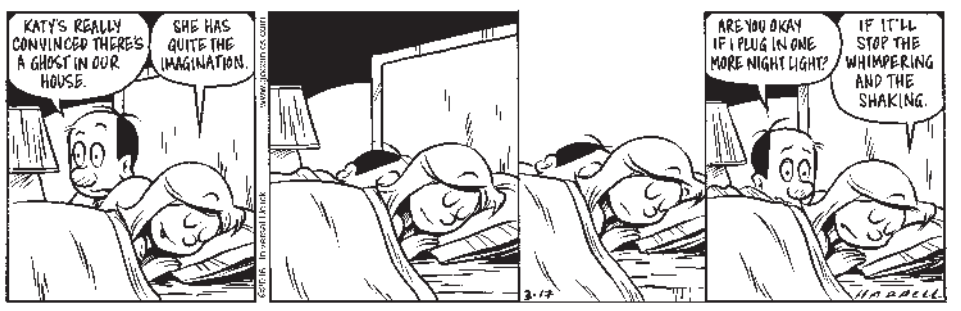
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The Duplex

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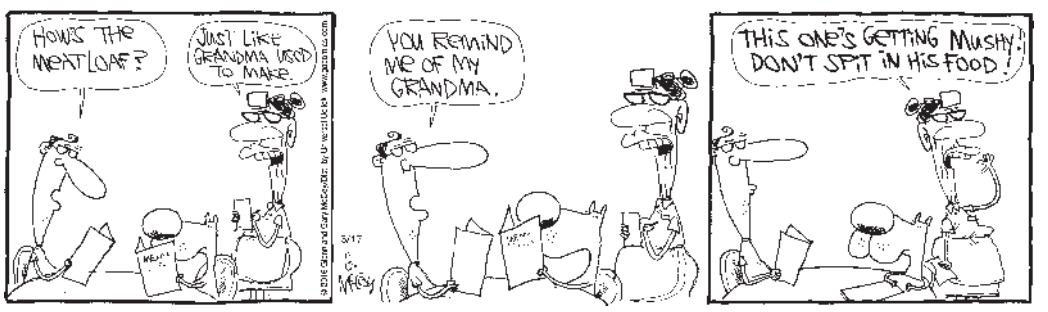

CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS

1 Phone inventor
5 Glitch
8 "What's — for me?"
12 Margarine
13 Notable time
14 Yield
15 Stead
16 Right angle
17 They give a hoot
18 Import duty
20 Contacts, e.g.
22 Airline to Sweden
23 Crooner Damone
24 — Raton, Fla.
27 Always playing the same role
32 Nest egg acronym
33 Moray, for one
34 — Lanka
35 Tom Hanks film
38 Fermi's bit
39 Sailor
40 Scratch the surface
42 Devious
45 Martini garnishes
49 Drudgery
50 Outback bird
52 Rowboat needs
53 "American —"
54 Set afire
55 Sediment
56 Actor Hackman
57 — -di-dah
58 Small bills

DOWN

1 Piece of hardware
2 Director Kazan
3 Ogler's look
4 — May Alcott
5 Hearty entree
6 Internet address
7 Chutzpah
8 Serving as a symbol
9 Nightly TV fare
10 Between jobs
11 Hardy lass
19 Scale member
21 Prior night
24 Paper Mate rival
25 Mouths (Lat.)
26 Skillet makeup
28 Verily
29 Historic Massachusetts town
30 "No seats"
31 Allen or Curry
36 Fishing gear
37 Deluge refuge
38 Melodious
41 Pacino of "Serpico"
42 Tiny branch
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44 Holler
46 Futile
47 Perry's creator
48 Bygone fliers
51 Ms. Farrow

Solution time: 25 mins.

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Yesterday's answer 3-17

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ARIES (*March 21-April 19*): Choose to get along with others and to look for healthy alternatives. Look inward and find meaningful ways to make personal improvements. An interesting turn of events will improve a partnership. ✪✪

TAURUS (*April 20-May 20*): Home, family and friends should be your focus. Discussing plans that you want to put into play will bring you closer to the ones you love and give everyone something to look forward to. Don't procrastinate—make it happen. ✪✪✪✪

GEMINI (*May 21-June 20*): Don't take on responsibilities that don't belong to you, but don't ignore those that do. A realistic and fair approach to what you face will be the only way to get past what stands in your way. Don't overreact. ✪✪✪

CANCER (*June 21-July 22*): Keep an open mind and you will be amazed by the information you are given and how you can put it to good use in your everyday life. Romance will lead to a promising adventure with someone you love to spend time with. ✪✪✪

LEO (*July 23-Aug. 22*): Show off a little. It's in your best interest to let others know what you are capable of doing. Don't be shy when it comes to taking charge and being responsible. The difference you make will be appreciated and acknowledged. ✪✪✪

VIRGO (*Aug. 23-Sept. 22*): Take the initiative and do what you can to help those less fortunate. Your actions will lead to an encounter with someone who can help you bring your own dreams to fruition. A partnership will fill a void you have been experiencing. ✪✪✪✪

LIBRA (*Sept. 23-Oct. 22*): Check out every option before making a decision. Take your time and observe what's going on around you. Don't let anyone make you feel as if you are being left behind. Do things on your own terms and at your own pace. ✪✪

SCORPIO (*Oct. 23-Nov. 21*): Get involved in something you've never done before. New or unusual experiences will get your creative imagination flowing and encourage you to follow through with an idea that could turn in to a moneymaker. Love is highlighted. ✪✪✪✪✪

SAGITTARIUS (*Nov. 22-Dec. 21*): Expect to face opposition from someone who is trying to control your life. It's likely that you'll have to make unexpected alterations to the way you live. Protect your assets, possessions, your reputation and your health. ✪✪✪

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CAPRICORN (*Dec. 22-Jan. 19*): You don't have to join in if someone makes a last-minute change that disrupts your plans. Look for a way to carry on and you won't miss out on something you want to do. You'll obtain valuable insight from an unusual encounter. ✪✪✪

AQUARIUS (*Jan. 20-Feb. 18*): Revisit an idea and tweak it to fit the current trends. Your ingenuity and desire to do something unique will help you forge ahead. High energy coupled with discipline will be your ticket to success. Personal improvements will be satisfying. ✪✪✪

PISCES (*Feb. 19-March 20*): Put the skills and talents you are passionate about in to play, and you will come out a winner. Your ability to wow others with your unique approach to life will result in a partnership and profitable joint venture. ✪✪✪✪✪

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Spurs rout Clippers to extend home streak to 33

SAN ANTONIO (AP)—The emergence of Kawhi Leonard and LaMarcus Aldridge has made the San Antonio Spurs less reliant on their bench than in previous years.

But the Los Angeles Clippers learned San Antonio's reserves can still be potent.

Leonard had 20 points and the Spurs wore down the short-handed Clippers 108-87 on Tuesday night to match the second-longest home winning streak to open a season in NBA history.

Aldridge added 17 points for San Antonio, which has won four straight.

"With us, when Kawhi is on the court or Kawhi and LaMarcus (it changes the game)," Spurs guard Manu Ginobili said. "Today (the bench) could change the game at that point, and it makes us feel good."

San Antonio won its 33rd straight home game this season, tying Orlando's start to the 1995-96 season. The Chicago Bulls set the league mark with a 37-game home winning streak to begin that same season during their record 72-victory campaign.

The Clippers' reserves, who were without injured Paul Pierce, were outscored 51-20 by the Spurs' bench.

"The first unit did everything in their power," Los Angeles guard Austin Rivers said. "Our second unit, we didn't play well tonight. I don't know what to tell you. It's disappointing because obviously everybody in the second unit feels like it's our fault. Whether that's true or not, that's the way we feel."

Los Angeles (42-24), still missing Blake Griffin, lost its second straight despite getting 67 points from its starters. Chris Paul scored 22 and DeAndre Jordan had 16 points and 14 rebounds.

The Clippers had won three of four regular-season games against the Spurs. Los Angeles also took two of three in San Antonio to beat the Spurs in a seven-game series to open the playoffs last year.

San Antonio's bench ensured a continuation of the team's home winning streak, which is now at 42 games dating to March 2015.

Patty Mills had 15 points and Ginobili added 13 off the bench for the Spurs (57-10).

Spurs backup David West tipped in missed shots on successive possessions and then delivered a hard screen on Rivers that freed Mills for a jumper from the top of the key for an 82-72 lead with 9 minutes remaining. West finished with eight points.

"Dave was a big-time spark off the bench," Aldridge said. "I thought Patty brought some juice and some energy to us tonight, too. They definitely carried us down the stretch."

AP

San Antonio Spurs guard Patty Mills (8) drives around Los Angeles Clippers guard Austin Rivers during the first half of an NBA basketball game Tuesday, March 15, 2016, in San Antonio. San Antonio won, 108-87.

Pacers 103, Celtics 98

In Indianapolis, Paul George had 25 points and the Indiana Pacers finished with a strong fourth quarter to beat the Boston Celtics 103-98 Tuesday night.

Monta Ellis added 16 points with six assists, and Jordan Hill scored 15 for Indiana.

Isaiah Thomas had 21 points, eight assists and six rebounds for Boston.

The score was tied at 77 with about 7 minutes remaining before the Pacers put together a 15-4 run that gave them enough breathing room to withstand a late Boston surge. Avery Bradley's jumper pulled the Celtics to 84-81 with about 4 1/2 minutes to go, but they got no closer after that.

Raptors 107, Bucks 89

In Milwaukee, Kyle Lowry scored 25 points and Toronto, despite resting leading scorer DeMar DeRozan, had no trouble with Milwaukee.

Giannis Antetokounmpo had 18 points, 12 rebounds and nine assists in 35 minutes for the Bucks, just missing a triple-double.

DeRozan, who averages 23.8 points per game, was in uniform but didn't play after starting each of the team's first 65 games and playing 39 minutes in a loss to Chicago on Monday night.

Raptors rookie Norman Powell, starting for DeRozan despite averaging only 7 minutes per game, had a season-high 17 points in 34 minutes.

Magic 116, Nuggets 110

In Orlando, Evan Fournier scored 30 points and Jason Smith had 25 points and 13 rebounds off the bench to help Orlando beat Denver.

Victor Oladipo scored 23 for the Magic, who led by 18 in the third quarter before fending off Denver's second-half rally. Brandon Jennings added 12 points and 11 assists in his first start for Orlando.

The Nuggets had six players in double figures, led by Gary Harris with 18 points, but didn't have enough energy or firepower to complete the comeback.

Nets 131, Sixers 114

In New York, Bojan Bogdanovic scored a career-best 44 points and Brooklyn set a season high for points against Philadelphia.

Sean Kilpatrick had 19 points, Brook Lopez added 18 points and 10 rebounds, and Thaddeus Young finished with 14 points and 16 rebounds for the Nets.

Isaiah Canaan led the 76ers with 20 points. Nerlens Noel, Ish Smith and Nik Stauskas each had 18.

Bogdanovic's previous career high was 28 points against Orlando last April 15. His total was the most for a Nets player since Deron Williams scored 57 on March 4, 2012. The team moved to Brooklyn the following season.

Philadelphia has lost 15 of 16 games. The only victory during that stretch came against the Nets at home.

Kings 106, Lakers 98

In Los Angeles, Darren Collison had 22 points in his ninth start of the season, DeMarcus Cousins also scored 22 and Sacramento completed a four-game season sweep of Los Angeles.

The Lakers, who trailed by as many as 23, got as close as 97-91 on a pair of free throws by Julius Randle that capped a 15-5 run with 3:14 to play. Rudy Gay clinched it for the Kings by scoring seven of his 20 points in the final 2:57.

This was the first time the Kings went an entire season without losing to the Lakers during the franchise's 68-year history, which dates back to the 1948-49 Rochester Royals. Sacramento has won eight of the last nine meetings after losing 16 of the previous 21.

Rajon Rondo had 12 assists, nine points and six rebounds to help the Kings snap a five-game skid.

Kobe Bryant sat out for the Lakers.

Redskins sign Galette to $4 million, 1-year deal

WASHINGTON (AP)—Junior Galette never had a chance to help the Washington Redskins' defense last season because of an injury.

The team will give it another chance for next season.

The Redskins signed the pass-rushing linebacker to a $4 million, one-year contract, according to a person directly involved with the negotiations. The person spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because the team had not announced the deal.

Galette missed the entire 2015 season after tearing his left Achilles tendon.

"You've got to go through these dark stages wherever in life," Galette said the day after the Redskins lost in the playoffs to the Green Bay Packers. "In order for you to progress you've got to go through some sort of pain in every aspect."

The 27-year-old pass rusher has 128 tackles and 31 1/2 sacks in his career, all with the Saints.

On his Twitter account Tuesday, Galette posted a picture of himself as a child wearing a Redskins cap with the message: "Blessed.... Feels like I started over but with a Head Start."

Galette said in January he was 70 percent healthy and was aiming to be 100 percent by the time offseason team activities got under way.

The Redskins signed him last summer four days after the New Orleans Saints released him for off the field issues. Galette said general manager Scott McCloughan had his back and the two have each other's trust.

At the time, Galette said he was not worried about his money but instead his reputation.

"I'm worried about getting my name back to a place where people can say that's a mature young man that is a professional," Galette said. "I'm worried about my son being able to search my name three, four years from now and there's nothing negative about me.

"Everybody's always going to have their criticism, their always going to have their opinion. That doesn't matter. But for the most part, I want him to say this is my dad, this is somebody I look up to. That's what motivates me.

In Colorado, John Elway reversed directions just like, well, C.J. Anderson.

The Denver Broncos general manager matched Miami's four-year, $18 million offer to his lead running back on Tuesday.

The move was a surprise coming as it did just two weeks after Elway placed the lower right-of-first refusal tender on the restricted free agent rather than the more expensive tender that includes a second-round draft pick as compensation.

New Dolphins head coach Adam Gase, who was Denver's offensive coordinator in 2013-14, front loaded an offer to Anderson in the hopes that Elway wouldn't match it.

The Broncos had some financial flexibility, however, after quarterback Brock Osweiler bolted to Houston in free agency and pass rusher DeMarcus Ware took a $3.5 million pay cut over the weekend.

So, Elway matched the offer that will pay Anderson $5.25 million in bonuses by month's end and a $625,000 base salary in 2016 and includes substantial non-guaranteed dollars on the back end of the deal.

"With Brock going to Houston, it did free up a little bit more cash," Elway said. "That made this decision pretty easy."

Elway said he didn't regret using the lower, $1.671 million tender on Anderson that invited other teams to set Anderson's market value rather than the $2.553 million tender as he used on linebacker Brandon Marshall that includes a second-round pick that essentially serves as a deterrent to potential suitors.

Djokovic, Williams roll at Indian Wells

INDIAN WELLS, Calif. (AP)—Defending champion Novak Djokovic continued his dominance of Philipp Kohlschreiber, winning 7-5, 7-5 in the third round of the BNP Paribas Open on Tuesday.

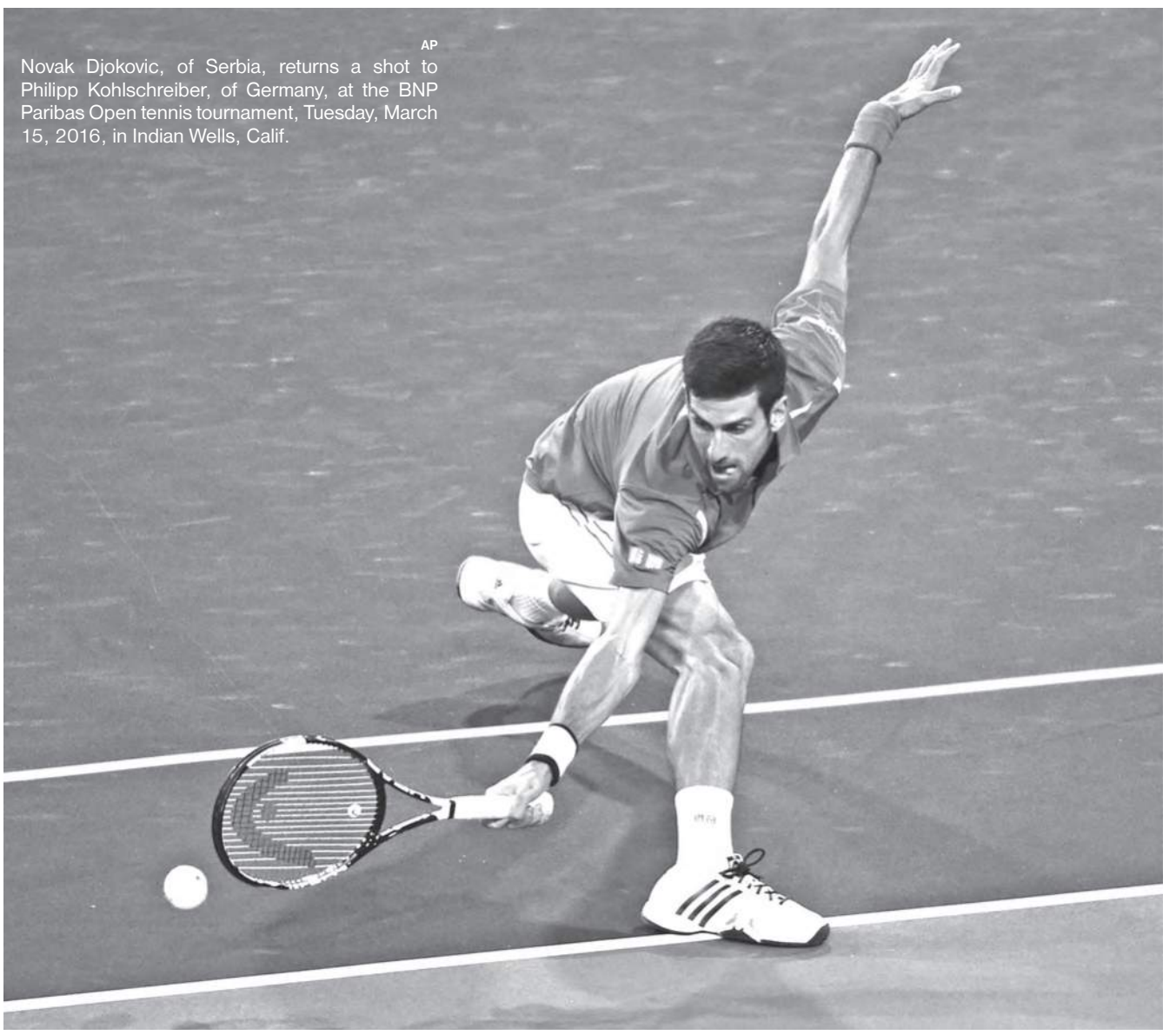
Rafael Nadal survived a wild tiebreaker to beat Fernando Verdasco 6-0, 7-6 (9), while two-time champion Serena Williams fired seven aces in a 6-2, 6-2 victory over Kateryna Bondarenko in the fourth round.

Djokovic, seeking his fifth title in the desert, beat Kohlschreiber for the eighth time in nine career matches against the German, who had 29 unforced errors. Djokovic had triple match point leading 5-3, 40-love when he missed an easy overhead. He was up a break in the first set when he also dropped serve.

"I cannot allow myself any more to react that way in those particular circumstances," he said. "It does stay (in your mind). But it's not the first time that it happens to me, so I think that kind of experience helps."

Nadal, a three-time Indian Wells winner, saved five set points in the tiebreaker and finally closed it out on his second match point when Verdasco's backhand sailed beyond the baseline.

"Feel lucky to win the tiebreak, and at the same time I think at the end of the tiebreak I played well with not many mistakes and going for the points," Nadal said.



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Novak Djokovic, of Serbia, returns a shot to Philipp Kohlschreiber, of Germany, at the BNP Paribas Open tennis tournament, Tuesday, March 15, 2016, in Indian Wells, Calif.

Verdasco has had the upper hand against his fellow Spaniard and doubles partner in the last few years, having won three of their previous four matches, including a five-setter in the first round of the Australian Open in January after Nadal beat him 13 straight times to start the rivalry.

Verdasco owned triple set point, but frittered away his advantage with consecutive errant forehands and could only stab in the air as Nadal's crosscourt backhand whizzed by to tie it 6-all.

Verdasco's backhand error set up Nadal's first match point and his first serve was called out, but he successfully challenged it and the review showed it ticked the line, tying it 7-all.

It was tied twice more before Verdasco's double fault gave Nadal a second match point and it ended on another error. Verdasco's 19 winners were just one more than Nadal. He averaged 115 mph on his first serve to 108 for Nadal.

"Normally he serve better than me," Nadal said. "In this kind of match I have more to lose than him, so he's able to play very aggressive. He has amazing shots. He arrives to the tiebreak and you know you're in trouble."

Nadal advanced to the fourth round against Alexander Zverev, who beat 16th-seeded Gilles Simon, 6-2, 6-2. No. 5 seed Kei Nishikori edged Steve Johnson, 7-6 (6), 7-6 (6) and next plays another American, John Isner, who beat Adrian Mannarino, 6-4, 7-6 (4).

Five of the top 10 women's seeds women have been knocked out, seemingly clearing the way for Williams to win her third career title here and first since 2001.

Williams will play defending champion Simona Halep in the quarterfinals, a year after she withdrew before their semifinal match with a knee injury. Halep beat Williams at the 2014 WTA Tour finals.

From Syria to Sudan: Refugee athletes train for Olympic team

LONDON (AP)—They've fled war and violence in the Middle East and Africa. They've crossed treacherous seas in small dinghies and lived in dusty refugee camps.

They include a teenage swimmer from Syria, long-distance runners from South Sudan and judo and taekwondo competitors from Congo, Iran and Iraq.

They are striving to achieve a common goal: To compete in the Olympics in Rio de Janeiro. Not for their home countries, but as part of the first ever team of refugee athletes.

A group of 43 displaced men and women, who range in age from 17 to 30 and have escaped conflicts in their homelands, are being considered for selection to the team called "Refugee Olympic Athletes."

Prompted by the plight of millions of migrants and refugees across the world, the International Olympic Committee is creating a small team of refugees who will compete in Rio under the Olympic flag.

In what will surely be one of the emotional highlights of the opening ceremony, the team will march together into the Maracana Stadium on Aug. 5 behind the white flag with the five Olympic rings. They will walk in just ahead of the team from Brazil, the host nation that marches last among the 206 national Olympic committees in the athletes' parade.

The refugee athletes will live in the Olympic Village with the other teams. The IOC will supply them with team uniforms, coaches and technical officials. The Olympic anthem will be played if any of the athletes wins a gold medal.

The plan was first announced by the IOC at the United Nations last October amid the still-continuing influx of migrants and refugees, many from Syria, into Europe. The IOC set up a $2 million fund for refugees and asked national Olympic committees to identify any displaced athletes in their countries who might be able to reach Olympic standard.

Pere Miro, the IOC's deputy director general for relations with the Olympic movement, has been the point man in creating the team. Of the 43 athletes selected as contenders for the team, more than half are runners from central and western Africa, Miro said.

"I was touched by the personal story of each one," he said in an interview with The Associated Press. "But I also was really touched by how much sport means in their lives, not only for the 43, but for all those I met."

IOC President Thomas Bach said he expects between five and 10 athletes will make the team. Miro put the figure at between five and seven. The final selection will be announced by the IOC at its next executive board meeting in June.

"We want to send a message of hope to all the refugees of the world," Bach said.

Miro said 23 of the candidates fled conflicts in Africa, including South Sudan, Ethiopia, Uganda, Congo, Rwanda, Burundi and Mali. A handful of others left Syria, with a few from Iran and Iraq. In addition to track and field, some of the athletes compete in swimming, judo, taekwondo and shooting.

The IOC has already publicly identified three athletes under consideration: 17-year-old Syrian swimmer Yusra Mardini, female Iranian taekwondo athlete Raheleh Asemani, and male judoka Popole Misenga of Congo. Mardini is training in Germany, Asemani in Belgium and Misenga in Brazil.

Mardini and her older sister, Sarah, were on an inflatable boat with other refugees making the perilous trip from Turkey to Greece a few months ago when their small dinghy started taking on water in the Aegean Sea. Most of the refugees on the overcrowded boat couldn't swim. So the sisters and three others who were also good swimmers jumped into the water. For three hours, they clung onto ropes hanging from the side and helped guide the boat to the Greek island of Lesbos.

The Mardini sisters eventually made it to Germany, where a local charity put them in touch with the Wasserfreunde Spandau 04 swimming club in Berlin, based near their refugee center. They have been training at the pool, which was built for the 1936 Olympics, and Yusra—a butterfly specialist—was selected as a possible member of the Olympic team.

Asemani left Iran in 2012 for reasons she has not disclosed and arrived in Belgium, where she works for the postal service and trains with Belgium's national taekwondo team. Fighting under the World Taekwondo Federation flag at the European Olympic qualifying tournament in Istanbul, she clinched a spot for the Rio Games. It's possible she could compete for Belgium if she is granted citizenship.

"It has been such a hard journey. I was lost," Asemani said on the WTF website. "Many times in my head I thought it would not happen because of politics, visa problems, lack of money and I couldn't travel to (many) ranking events. ... Rio is a dream for me. Hope has carried me to the Olympics. Now I will give all I have to win."

Misenga and Yolande Mabika fled Congo three years ago and sought asylum in Brazil during the 2013 world judo championships in Rio. They have been training with the Brazilian judo federation.

"I've seen too much war, too much death," Misenga told The Guardian newspaper. "I want to stay clean so I can do my sport. I represent everyone. I'll get a medal for all refugees."

The largest number of potential Olympic athletes was drawn from the Kakuma refugee camp in northwestern Kenya, about 55 miles (90 kilometers) from the border with South Sudan, a five-year-old country that has been wracked by civil war since 2013. Tens of thousands have died and at least 2 million people have been displaced from their homes.

The sprawling Kakuma camp houses about 180,000 refugees, mainly from South Sudan, but also from Sudan, Somalia, Ethiopia, Congo, Burundi, Rwanda, Eritrea and Uganda.

Man City enters Champions League quarters for first time

MANCHESTER, England (AP)—Manchester City's players trudged off the field. Many fans left early. The final whistle was greeted with only a smattering of cheers.

It was hardly the way the English club envisaged marking progress to the Champions League quarterfinals for the first time in its history.

Another landmark feat for Abu Dhabi-owned City was achieved on Tuesday thanks to a lackluster 0-0 draw with Dynamo Kiev at Etihad Stadium, which sealed a 3-1 victory on aggregate. Progress came with little fanfare and at a cost, with captain Vincent Kompany hobbling off in the fifth minute with a recurrence of his long-standing calf problems that could keep him out for a month.

"It was really satisfying to make history for this club," City defender Pablo Zabaleta, although it was hard to tell by the end.

AP

Manchester City's David Silva leaps over the diving Kiev's goalkeeper Oleksandr Shovkovskiy during the Champions League round of 16 second leg soccer match between Manchester City and Dynamo Kiev at the Etihad Stadium, Manchester, England, Tuesday, March. 15, 2016.

Injuries to Kompany and fellow center back Nicolas Otamendi, who hobbled off in the 23rd after a clash of knees, were the major incidents in a soporific match as City advanced with the minimum of concern but without impressing, either.

Kiev, seeking a first Champions League quarterfinal berth since 1999, needed to score three goals to stand a chance of advancing but barely threatened until creating a couple of opportunities in the final minutes.

City's reorganized defense stayed relatively solid and the team took few risks, with winger Jesus Navas striking a 61st-minute shot against the post for City's best chance.

"Unfortunately we have lost our match in Kiev," Dynamo coach Sergei Rebrov said.

Saipan Marathon registration deadline tomorrow

The last day to register for the 11th Saipan Marathon is this Friday, March 18, at 5pm.

Registration for the 50K and marathon is $65 for U.S. and NMI participants ($100 for international participants), and $55 for half marathon and 10K participants ($70 for international participants). Registration will include the awards banquet, a finishers t-shirt, and a certificate of completion. Saipan Marathon will hit the road on April 16.

"We'll looking forward to receiving all registrations by Friday. This will allow us to properly coordinate this big event and make sure everything goes smoothly on race day," said Marianas Visitors Authority Community Projects manager Martin Duenas.

Entry forms are available at the MVA office located in Beach Rd. in San Jose or on the MVA official website Event Calendar at www.mymarianas.com. Payments must be made at the MVA office in cash.

The start will take place at the American Memorial Park at 4am for the 50K and the marathon, at 5am for the half marathon, and at 5:45am for the 10K. The cut-off time will be 8:30am at the halfway point at the Navy Hill/Commonwealth Health Center intersection for the 50K and across from Bridge Capitol office for the full marathon.

All competitors are required to pick up their race packets on April 15 at 4pm at Paseo de Marianas without exception.

The MVA will also be offering an additional estimated $8,000 plus in cash prizes to the fastest runners in all categories, as contributed by celebrity marathon supporter Kanpei Hazama and Kofuji Distribution Co. of Japan.

For more information, contact Ed Diaz at the MVA at 670.664.3210 or through email at ediaz@mymarianas.com. ***(MVA)***

Hafa Adai 5K set for April 9

Pacific Islands Club's Hafa Adai 5K will take place on April 9, instead of April 19 as inadvertently reported last Wednesday.

The 5KM fun run will start and finish at PIC Saipan and will feature five different coloring stations along the Beach Road route. Participants are encouraged to wear white attire so that the full effect of the coloring stations can be seen post-race. Volunteers will be celebrating each runner's arrival by greeting them with "holi powder." This is biodegradable mixture of corn starch and food coloring.

"This year will have more color, more prizes, more runners and more fun," said sports and events manager Keoni Ichihara. "The five color stations (blue, pink, green, yellow and red) along with two water stations will line Beach Road starting at PIC and stretching all the way to Triple J Five Star Wholesale.

"Based on last year's response, we are expecting more participants this year. We will accept the first 1,200 entries into the event which will once again make this event the biggest in Saipan, "said Sports, Entertainment and Activities director Glenn Policare.

The first 500 paid entries will receive a free t-shirt at the event site.

Entry forms for the Hafa Adai 5K can be found at Triple J Motors, Gold's Gym, Boarderline or at the PIC Saipan lobby.

For more information, please contact Ichihara at 237-5147. ***(PR)***

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was my greatest swim ever. I was overjoyed when I made it to the finals. I was fifth in the preliminaries so I was quite happy. The first placer was less than 60 milliseconds away. In the marshalling, coach said 'only the strongest heart will win.' I wanted that. After my turn I tried to have a great restart. I wanted a small lead and got one. Winning the gold was the best thing ever. Also, I got the record. I was happy I got 33," Dangol told *Saipan Tribune*.

The Tsunami Saipan swimmer also competed in the 100m individual medley and nearly earned her second medal in the two-day tournament. She placed fourth in the finals after logging 1:20.52. Kanamachi Swimming Clubs Mio Narita took the gold after recording 1:18.27, while Tokyo Swimming Center's Maya Kurokawa (1:19.24) and MYS Hanahata's Nanaka Hara (1:19.51) bagged the silver and bronze, respectively.

Though she missed a second medal, Dangol's time in the finals was faster than her qualifying record (1:22.52). She was ranked seventh out of the 96 participants in the preliminaries to advance to the finals.

Aleksenko takes silver

Meanwhile, Tsunami Saipan got another award from the Tokyo competition, thanks to Isaiah Aleksenko's silver-medal swim in the 50m freestyle event for the boys 9-year-old division.

Aleksenko clocked in at 31.85 seconds to place behind gold medal winner Yuusei Kawse (31.56 seconds) of Taiyou Kyouiku SC and beat ISF's Syuhei Komasu (31.94 seconds).

The SCS student made it to the finals after finishing fourth out of 224 participants in the qualifying swim and timing in at 32.84 seconds.

The 9-year-old Aleksenko also barged into the finals of the 50m butterfly after posting the eighth fastest time in the qualifiers with his 36.40 seconds. The qualifying swims featured 113 swimmers. In the finals, Aleksenko swam better, registering 35.59 seconds to place sixth in the field. Edogawa SC's Kazuki Yoneyama (33.26 seconds) and Tokyo's Go Senkitagaya (34.26 seconds) and Rei Narushima (34.71 seconds) made up the Top 3.

Aleksenko and Dangol's finals appearances in the off-island tournament drew praises from Tsunami Saipan head coach Hiro Kimura.

"These results were really awesome. It was so hard to go to the finals, but they survived two events. We have four champions before, but we didn't have any meet record. Getting the meet record was our big challenge and dream. Finally, our dream came true this year," Kimura said.

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five players led by Owen Ji, who found the back of the net in the fourth minute. A conversion from Saixian Bagsic seven minutes later lifted Kanoa to a 2-0 advantage, while Ho Jin Woo made it three in a row with his shot in the 13th minute.

Sun Palace, on the other hand, ended its silence in the 14 th minute, thanks to Jun Sik Kim's goal and the squad moved within one 10 minutes later, courtesy of Sang Ho Choi's goal. Another goal from Choi early in the first half forced the deadlock, which Jae Hwang Oh broke with his goal in the 43rd, while Kirk Andon hit the insurance for Kanoa in the 68th.

World Resort 4, Thundercats 1

World Resort also pulled off an upset against former division leader Thundercats.

Daniel Agulto led World Resort's third win in six games after knocking in a pair of goals. He got his first in the 23rd, while Ryu Hoin and John Lewis scored earlier in the 16th and seventh minute, respectively, to power World Resort to a 3-1 halftime edge.

Kitae Kim tallied the only goal for the Thundecats in the first first and the team failed to light up the board in the second, while Agulto earned another one in the 36th minute.

DIVISIONS 1 Paire/Inter 10, Matansa 0

In the last Division 1 match, Paire/Inter Godfather's whipped Matansa to reclaim the lead in their group.

Paire/Inter Godfather's peppered Matansa with goals in the first half, recording eight. Ajani Bureel registered one of them and went on to complete a hat-trick after delivering two more in the final frame. Arkie Reusora, Ryu Tanzawa, David Bush, Yoshi Mafnas, Peter Loken, Jin Seok Kim, and Yogesh Singh scored for Paire/Inter Godfather's in the opening half.

Paire/Inter Godfather's improved to a 3-0-1 card to pace Tan Holdings (2-1-1), MP United (2-1-1), Korean Football Association on Saipan (2-0-1), and Matansa (0-0-5).

In the other Division 1 match, Tan Holdings and MP United settled for a 1-1 draw. Terrence Belcher hit the equalizer for MP United in the 32nd minute, while Sean Perez posted the first goal in the match seven minutes earlier.

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less, which was composed of swimmer Ernie Moises, biker Bob Ferrer, and runner Roy Ortizo, topped the field after combining for 3:53:22. Moses timed in at 17:51 in the swim leg, while Ferrer and Ortizo logged 2:09:31 and 1:25:58, respectively.

David Boyer, who was the second fastest out of the water with his 17:48, and teammates Russ Quinn and Yosh Gabaldon of Bay Watchers, were ranked third after posting 3:57:13. Quinn completed the bike course in 2:15:58, while Gabaldon finished the run trail in 1:23:17.

Christian Villacrusis was the first finisher in the swim leg in the relay and second overall behind men's champion Brodie Gardner of Australia after tallying 16:42, but his squad slid to third after his teammates fell behind in the bike and run legs. Sublemente was Villacrusis' biker and timed in at 2:24:07, while Taiga Sato was the runner and registered 1:17:36.

Saipan Cyclers rounded out the finishers in the relay and was slightly ahead of the five other teams after the bike leg. Nap Dizon was the biker and had the best time in the group with his 2:01:04. However, Dizon's crew lost the shaky lead after runner Ricky Castro timed in at 1:42:47. Jeff Diyco started things off for Saipan Cyclers, submitting 22:53 in the swim leg.

In other results, American triathlete Bridget Schwenne emerged as the top female finisher in the non-pro division after clocking in at 4:08:48 with split times of 20:16, 2:27:47, and 1:20:45.

Other female finishers were Rina Ishizu (5:32:17), Welly Linaker (4:09:58), Haldre Rogers (5:08:35), Allison Moore (6:36:20), Tara Tydingco (5:41:04), Sonoko Ishizu (6:27:35), Kimiko McKagan (4:38:33), and Michelle Santos (5:33:03),

Run Leg of XTERRA Saipan

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Mieko Carey is greeted by spectators at the finish line loop of last Saturday's XTERRA Saipan Championship.

Volunteers give directions to a runner out of the bike-run transition area.

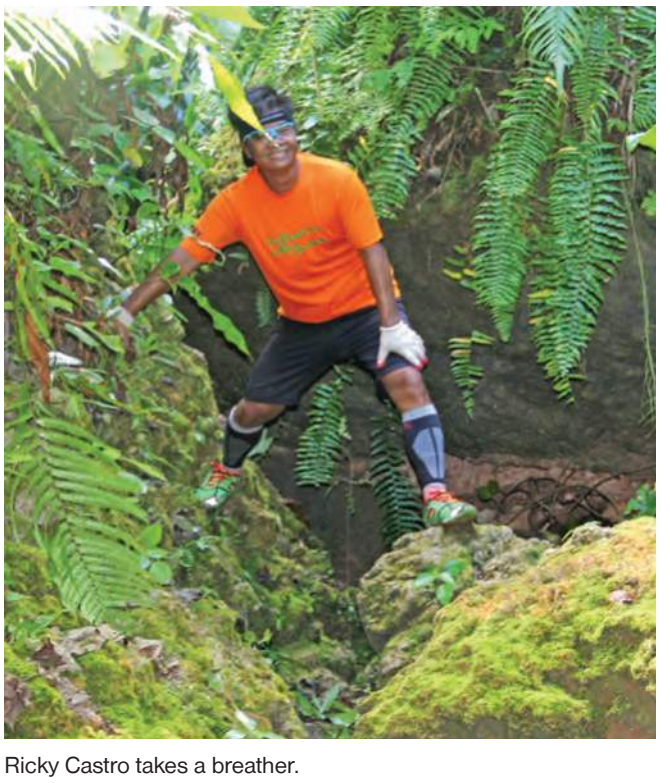
A volunteer hands out a cup of water to Charlie Sendin.

Japan's Takahiro Ogasawara smiles as he reaches for the finish line tape.

Akitomo Konno slides down carefully.

Taiga Sato uses his hands to navigate the slippery trail.

Renata Bucher keeps her focus as he runs along the shore at Micro Beach.



Ricky Castro takes a breather.

Dave Spence is cautious with his steps along the treacherous run trail.

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Dangol strikes gold, sets record

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Tsunami Saipan's Ashley Dangol left a mark in her return trip to the Tokyo Junior Sprint 2016 after crashing the meet record in the 50m butterfly.

Dangol timed in at 33.93 seconds to eclipse the 33.95 Michiko Shimokawa of Tokyo Swimming Center set in 2002 in the girls 9-year-old division of the event. Besides registering the new age group mark in the competition held last March 5 and 6 at the Tatsumi International Swimming Arena, the 9-year-old Tsunami swimmer also won the gold medal in the 50m butterfly race, finishing way ahead of

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Tsunami Saipan's Isaiah Aleksenko, left, and Ashley Dangol pose with the medals they won in the Tokyo Junior Sprint 2016 before starting their training session at the Kan Pacific Swimming Pool early this week.

Konami's Saeko Nakamura (34.30 seconds) and JSS Tateishi's Mine Yoshioka (34.51 seconds).

Dangol's finals time en route to the gold-medal finish was a big leap from her performance in the qualifying heat. She timed in at 34.94 seconds in the preliminary swims to place fifth out of the 113 participants in the event. The Saipan Community School student qualified in the finals where the Top 8 finishers battled for the podium finish. She was just a few seconds behind the top qualifier.

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Shirley's grabs Division 2 lead

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Shirley's Football Club jumped to the top spot of Division 2 of the 2016 M-League after defeating the CNMI Women's National Team, 3-1, last Sunday at the Oleai Sports Complex Field.

Shirley's now has a 4-0-2 win-draw-loss record to lead Sun Palace (3-1-1), World Resort (3-1-2), Kanoa (2-1-2), Thundercats (2-1-3), and the WNT (1-0-5).

Three different players scored for Shirley's to avenge the team's 2-3 first round loss to the WNT. Shirley's made all its goals in the second half with Kris Kim logging the first and Rodwealth Espana hitting the second. Kazuaki Togo nailed the third goal for the winning squad, while Irish Pagarao registered the only goal for the WNT.

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Shirley's Football Club's Wes Bogdan, right, receives a pass from Panapa Peteru during their game against the CNMI Women's National Team in the Division 2 of the M-League last weekend at the Oleai Sports Complex Field.

Kanoa 5, Sun Palace 3

Kanoa stunned erstwhile leader Sun Palace in the first Division 2 match last weekend.

Kanoa drew goals from

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99 Luftballons tops XTERRA relay

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Saipan's Angel Marie Tan and Jerome Diyco teamed up with Guam's Elijah Tydingco in ruling the relay race in last Saturday's 2016 XTERRA Saipan Championship.

Tydingco towed the team dubbed as 99 Luftballons to a first place finish overall and in the mixed division after completing the 12K trail run in 1:13:23—the fastest time in the group. Tan started out for 99 Luftballons and timed in at 18:94 in the 1.5-kilometer swim leg in the waters off Micro Beach, while Diyco was the biker and capped the 30K course in 1:13:23 for their total time of 3:46:06.

99 Luftballons finished the race just 10 seconds ahead of We're Back's Jinju Thompson, Wynn Brillo, and Rintaro Miyawaki. Thompson was fifth best out of the water in the relay division and clocked in at 18:06, while Brilllo had a fastest bike split than Diyco, recording 2:12:31. Miyawaki closed out for We're Back and registered the second fastest time in the division at 1:15:30 to settle for runner-up honors overall and in the mixed relay.

Meanwhile, four other teams joined the relay and they all battled for the men's division crown. Marianas Wire-

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Jerome Diyco makes the climb along the Navy Hill road during the bike leg of last Saturday's XTERRA Saipan.